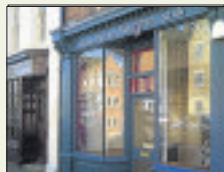


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Ex-PCSO is cleared of assault on colleagues

A FORMER police community support officer has been cleared of sexual assault – and says she now wants to get back to an ordinary life.

Sylvia Cooper was accused of inappropriately touching colleagues while on duty. The 45-year-old, of Stourbridge, sobbed with relief in the dock at Warwick Crown Court after being cleared of all eight charges of sexual assault.

She had told the jury she had been "shocked and horrified" when in December 2010 she learned of the allegations made against her by five colleagues – two female PCSOs, two police constables and a male PCSO.

On the second day of her trial last week, Cooper was cleared of one charge alleging she touched a female colleague in an inappropriate manner, after the woman said she could not remember if contact was made.

And, after deliberating for a total of seven hours and 41 minutes over two days, the jury found her not guilty of the remaining eight counts.

Cooper, of Sherbourne Road, put her hands together as she mouthed "thank you" to the jury, then slumped with her head in her hands and began sobbing with relief as Judge Michael Cullum said her defence costs should all be paid from central funds.

Details sent out in error

PERSONAL details of residents who complained to the Environment Agency about a 40ft rubbish pile near their homes were mistakenly sent to the refuse firm ahead of a court case.

Names, addresses and telephone numbers were not removed from documents handed to Refuse Derived Fuel Ltd and its directors as required. Around 22 people who complained to the agency about the firm, based in Moor Street, Brierley Hill, have been affected by the incident.

OUTRAGE AS TREES FELLED BY COUNCIL

RESIDENTS in a Stourbridge road are furious after trees dating back more than 50 years were chopped down without warning by a council.

The four cherry trees in Stevens Road disappeared suddenly from the landscape – and there are plans to get rid of another three.

Dudley Council says the trees have been removed because the roots have caused minor damage to the paving stones.

But residents argue the street scene has now been ruined as the trees are part of the area's history.

They are collecting a petition and say the authority should give residents the opportunity to air their views before trees are felled.

Richard Williams, aged 62, of Stevens Road, said: "I just happened to look out of the window on Friday and I saw the workers arriving."

"I presumed they were going on to someone's property so I couldn't believe it when they started on the trees in the street."

Horror

"Imagine our horror when we found that the council were cutting them down without any warning and no formal notification to the residents."

"If the trees were diseased or dying, it would be tragedy but to cut down healthy trees is criminal."

"Imagine the outcry if the trees had been destroyed by vandals."

Resident Dave Manning says he rushed from his

Report by
Adam Burling

house when he heard the chainsaw to be joined by other confused neighbours as they pleaded with the workers to stop what they were doing.

"What has infuriated us is that we have not been notified that they are going to do this," he said.

"We are very unhappy with what has happened."

"The trees are a feature of the road."

"But they took less than 45 seconds to cut through them with a chainsaw."

"I'm going house to house to raise a petition to try and stop this."

John Millar, director of the urban environment, said: "This work follows complaints about the root damage late last year coupled with the results of our latest highway inspection."

"This inspection highlighted a need to address the damage to the highway while maintaining the tree stock as far as possible in Stevens Road."

"Unfortunately seven locations have been identified where it is not possible to adequately repair the surface without removal of the trees."

He said the council hoped to replace the trees with other species that would cause less damage.



Head of fundraising, Janet Jones, is all set for the family Jubilee Jaunt event

Jubilee Jaunt on

FAMILIES can make their way around a 5km route at a Black Country park as part of celebrations for the Queen's Diamond Jubilee.

The Jubilee Jaunt takes place at Mary Stevens Park in Stourbridge on May 19 at 6pm and cash raised will go towards the town's Mary Stevens Hospice.

Families can take a picnic and watch a performance by the Crown Phoenix Big Band, from 4pm, while children can enjoy balloon modelling, magic shows, face painting, a balloon race, rides and a bouncy castle.

Everyone taking part is encouraged to wear red, white and blue and will receive a special edition Queen's Diamond Jubilee medal. To register call 01384377778 or go to www.marystevenshospice.co.uk. There are 600 places and entry costs £5 for adults, £2.50 for children or £12 for families.

Kidman to star in film of novel

HOLLYWOOD actress Nicole Kidman will star in the new film adaptation of a Stourbridge author's debut novel *Before I Go To Sleep* which will go into production later this year.

The film is based on the best-selling book by Steve Watson.

It will be produced by Ridley Scott and written by Rowan Joffe, whose previous hits include *Brighton Rock* and *The American*. The makers will head to the Cannes Film Festival this week to start promoting the project. Mr Watson started writing the book while working as an audiobook specialist.

The book, which tells the story of a woman who wakes up to find that she does not recognise her life and she is

married to a complete stranger, shot to number one in the Sunday Times paperback chart.

The 39-year-old, who writes as SJ Watson, said: "I still can't quite believe what's happening. To actually say that A list stars are appearing in an adaptation of my book is amazing. The script is fantastic." It's really exciting."

It was previously held by Tory councillor Angus Adams who died recently at the age of 67.

Residents have until June 6 to register to vote or to ask for a postal vote. People who want to nominate a family member or friend to vote on their behalf have until June 13 to apply.

A list of candidates standing for the vacant seat has not yet been finalised.

Road ban mother is discovered driving car

A HEAVILY pregnant mother was caught driving while disqualified twice in just four weeks.

Ruth Trevis, aged 29, of Grosvenor Way, Brierley Hill was already banned from the roads after a drink drive incident in which she hit four cars.

Judge Helen Hughes, sitting at Wolverhampton Crown Court last week, ruled she was able to spare Trevis time behind bars because she did not want her to have her second child in prison.

But she added: "You simply cannot go on offending and next time you will not be so lucky."

Trevis admitted two charges of driving while disqualified and without insurance on March 7 and April 1 and she was placed on supervision for two years.

Miss Samantha Powis, defending, said Trevis who works for Npower was having a particularly difficult pregnancy and she had taken the car because it was much more comfortable than walking. "She took a risk."

The judge also imposed a curfew between 8pm and 6am until the end of July.

By-election date fixed

RESIDENTS will be heading to the polls again to fill a seat left vacant by a popular councillor's death.

Dudley Council has announced the by-election for the vacant Norton seat will be held on June 21.

It was previously held by Tory councillor Angus Adams who died recently at the age of 67.

Residents have until June 6 to register to vote or to ask for a postal vote. People who want to nominate a family member or friend to vote on their behalf have until June 13 to apply.

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Teacher had 98,000 images of child porn

A TEACHER sacked with a Wordsley address has admitted having almost 100,000 indecent images of children on his computer.

Matthew Bullas, who worked at Castle High School, Dudley, pleaded guilty to all nine charges of possessing downloaded pictures and videos of children.

Volunteers sought to help blind

AN APPEAL for volunteers is under way by a Stourbridge-based charity to boost a home visit service which provides support for people with sight loss.

The group already has 38 volunteers but needs another 25 willing to give their time.

The Visually Impaired People project is run by the Pocklington Resource and Information Centre, in Hagley Road.

The project offers company, help with reading and correspondence or company on trips within their local community.

Call Vivien Smith on 01384 440333 for details.

The 32-year-old appeared at Dudley Magistrates Court last week, where District Judge Michael Wheeler sent him to be sentenced at Wolverhampton Crown Court on June 6. West Midlands Police said Bullas was arrested at his Halesowen home on November 16 and computer equipment seized following information passed to the regional Child Online Safeguarding Team.

They also said the images were on his home computer and did not feature any child who currently attends the school or has attended the school in the past.

Bail

Bullas, who gave his address as Hamilton Drive, Wordsley in court, was allowed bail on conditions, including that he does not have unsupervised contact with children under 18 and that he does not access the internet except if the connection is filtered.

The first charge he admitted is possessing 98,266 indecent photographs of children at Level 1, meaning the least explicit.

Mr David Truelove, prosecuting, told the District Judge that police executed a search warrant at Bullas's home and seized a computer and memory sticks, containing the indecent images detailed in the charges.

Castle High School revealed last week he had now been dismissed following an internal investigation.



Matthew Bullas, aged 32, from Wordsley, has been sacked from Castle High School

Driver admits causing death of dog walker

A WOMAN has admitted causing the death of a teacher who was knocked down and killed while walking a dog near Kinver.

Francine Austin, who married into the family behind the Albrighton-based David Austin Roses empire, pleaded guilty to causing the death by careless driving of teacher Brenda Wilson of Kinver on August 4.

She also admitted being over the drink drive limit.

In court the reading was given as 54 microgrammes of alcohol in 100 millilitres of breath, where the legal drink-drive limit is 35mg.

The reading was however, not accepted by Austin's defence team, who said it was 41mg.

Mrs Wilson, aged 62, died after she was struck by an Audi car on the A458 Bridgnorth Road in Stourton.

Austin, aged 53, of Heathton, Claverley, appeared at Stafford Crown Court. Judge Simon Tonking adjourned the case for sentencing on a date to be set.

Apprentices taken on

A BRIERLEY HILL-BASED 4x4 accessory manufacturer has signed up two apprentices to permanent employment.

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Philippa Bailey, aged 19, from Wordsley has seen her apprenticeship converted into full employment after she completed her IT-based training programme.

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Town's last conductor on board with station



Michael 'Gerry' Byrne - Stourbridge's last ever bus conductor - with Transport Secretary Justine Greening and his son, John Byrne

IT'S MORE than 30 years since Michael "Gerry" Byrne was made redundant as the last bus conductor in Stourbridge - but he has returned to the new bus station as a VIP.

Mr Byrne, now aged 94, was back at the bus station - the new, £7 million, ultra modern version - alongside a government minister and local dignitaries.

Mr Byrne met Justine Greening, transport secretary, who officially opened the Stourbridge Interchange, which links the bus terminal to the Stourbridge Town rail station, yesterday.

The father-of-eight, who now has 11 grandchildren and seven great-grandchildren, said: "I was a Midland Red conductor for 25 years from 1948."

Lovely

He added: "Then I was a conductor under West Midlands Passenger Transport until I was made redundant in 1979. By then I was the last conductor on the buses locally."

"They were lovely days - there was more companionship and I used to ride into the countryside to places like Ludlow."

"I used to ride my bike to the old Stourbridge bus station ready for the first bus at 5.10am, work until 1pm and then come back at 4.30pm for another four hours."

"I wanted the overtime because I had such a big family and I turned down a job as an inspector because I was earning more money than they did."

He also described the new interchange as "lovely".

The opening ceremony had a poignant tinge because Councillor Angus Adams, who was chairman of Centro and a driving force behind the building of the new station, died suddenly aged 67 in April.

Miss Greening said: "It's a fantastic new bus station for Stourbridge. It's wonderful to see just how many people have come together to work to make it happen."

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Battle to save theatre from bulldozer boosted

CAMPAIGNERS fighting to save Dudley Hippodrome from the bulldozers have experienced a boost in numbers from people willing to join in the battle.

More than 2,000 people have now signed a petition urging councillors to review proposals for the Dudley landmark.

The building, which stands in Castle Hill, neighbouring Dudley Zoo and opposite The Station Hotel, could be torn down as part of the £10 million masterplan transforming the gateway to the Black Country town and bringing in more tourists.

Dudley Council is behind the plan to increase footfall at the zoo, Black Country Living Museum and Dudley Canal Tunnels.

But campaigners say the Hippodrome - which was operated as a bingo hall up until three years ago - deserves to be included.

Funds

Campaign leader Geoff Fitzpatrick led a second public meeting of the action group this week in a bid to devise ideas to take the plan forward.

These include producing a fully-costed business plan to show how the building could be successfully run as an entertainment venue and raising campaign funds.

Mr Fitzpatrick says he was delighted that more and more people had signed the petition and hoped this would give more weight to their argument with Dudley's new Labour-controlled council.

"It is great that we have reached 2,000 signatures and that we are still going strong because we want to ensure that we don't lose momentum," said the former council lecturer. "There is a strength of feeling with the people that we have spoken to that there should have something done. We want to seize the opportunity now that we have new councillors."

"I will be interested to see the action that the new council take and to hear their views on it. We are looking to meeting with them as soon as we can."

Choristers to join forces



Front, organisers of the mass performance: Brian Williams, and Geoff Clarke, centre, Stuart Edwards, Pete Hawthorne, and Meirion Bowen, and, top, Brian Powney, Stan Randle, and Roger Haigh

CHORISTERS from across the Black Country will take part in a mass performance at Dudley Concert Hall next month, all in aid of charity.

Male voice choirs from Warley, Cradley Heath and Kingswinford will be among seven groups of singers performing on June 30 from 7pm. There will also be performances from soloist Louise Goode and the Holborne Brass Ensemble. Any proceeds from the event are due to be split between two charities: Burnaid and the Midland Air Ambulance. Tickets are £12.

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Fracture in composer's spine was misdiagnosed

Ready to rock House



Margot James with Luke Wassell, Kieran Lock, Joshua Lomas and Dean Greatbatch who have been put forward to play at the Commons

A BAND could soon be travelling to the Houses of Parliament for a unique gig thanks to a Black Country MP.

Of Kings and Captains has been nominated to play at the Rock the House event at the seat of power in London.

Stourbridge MP Margot James put the band's name forward for the honour on May 30. They are made up of Luke Wassell on lead vocals

and guitar, drummer Kieran Lock, bass guitarist Dean Greatbatch and Joshua Lomas on guitar and vocals.

All are aged 23 and hail from Dudley, Stourbridge and Blackheath. Band manager Marc Newey said the rock/pop group were excited by the chance to play at the event.

"It is a really good opportunity for them and it was great when we heard that Margot had nominated the band," he said.

A CRITICALLY-ACCLAIMED international composer was left wheelchair bound after a Black Country hospital failed to diagnose his fractured spine.

Andrew Downes was admitted to Russells Hall Hospital, Dudley, after falling over at home in October 2009. The 61-year-old has composed music for orchestras across the world, TV and radio scores.

He was admitted to hospital complaining of severe back pain and was given morphine. But the hospital diagnosed a urine infection and failed to send him for an X-ray which would have highlighted his fractured spine.

As a result of the delay he lost all feeling in both legs after developing a complete spinal cord injury, lawyers from Irwin Mitchell, representing Mr Downes, said.

He was then taken for scans which highlighted the fractures to his spine.

Mr Downes, from Hagley, near Stourbridge, said: "To be walking around one day, and then unable to move little more than 24 hours later was beyond belief."

Settlement

The hospital trust has accepted responsibility for failing to diagnose his injury and an undisclosed financial settlement has been made.

He went back to work just 10 months after the fall but said he is devastated he cannot run around with his three young grandchildren.

The father-of-two will require a lifetime of care and help to live as independently as possible.

He had suffered from back pain and a fused spine for many years.

Paula Clark, chief executive of The Dudley Group NHS Foundation Trust, admitted there were "lessons to be learned".

She said: "We would like to offer our sincere apologies to Mr Andrew Downes for failing to diagnose his injury."

"The care we provided fell below the standard he should have expected."




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One of the Jones's old lorries which was used to transport the fair rides



Sandra Jones wife of David with their children



One of the Jones's funfair wagons bringing the rides to site



Lisa Jones, wife of Matthew Jones with their children



One of the rides read to be unloaded and set up

Keeping up with the Jones's is proving a fair attraction

THERE may be no business like show business but the fairground, once the realm of the imagination, took its public on a fantastical voyage – 100 years before the invention of television.

Giants, dwarves, exotic animals, strongmen and bearded ladies would set up for a week on a piece of waste ground and provide entertainment to those who might never go on holiday.

The name Jones was synonymous with fairgrounds in the Black Country. In 1974, after the death of his father Ernest, David Jones took up the mantle and became the new "Guv'nor" of Jones's Fair. David inherited four grounds and soon acquired 18 more.

He also restored some of the old grounds the family had lost. David travelled around the West Midlands with waltzers, twisters and dodgems.

A showman to the core, David would arrive in his purple Jaguar, towing a 52ft purple caravan. Cherise Jones said: "My father Matthew grew

up on my granddad's fairground. They used to travel from March to November and had winter quarters in Cradley Heath. It was tough getting started in this business but my granddad would always find space for someone travelling with a ride."

Travelling

David Jones's energy found a new purpose when it became possible to permanently present an "old time fair" at Black Country Living Museum. The fairground opened in 1983 and was based on a typical 1930s travelling fair. Over the following years David painstakingly col-

lected and restored the rides, first introducing swing boats and chair-o-planes and then arcade machines including a 'Test Your Strength' machine and What the Butler Saw.

Now the fairground comprises the traditional sideshows such as coconut shy, hall of mirrors and shooting stalls, a cakewalk, a slip, swing boats and an Ark Speedway.

Cherise Jones said: "The fairground at the Museum represents 20 years of my granddad's life. He was very proud of it."

On 2 April 2008 David Jones died leaving three children and 14 grandchildren. More than 1,000 fairground folk attended the funeral, at St John's Church, Cradley, for the man known as "the fairground owner with the kindest heart".

The fourth and fifth generation of the Jones family have stepped forward and Matthew Jones, now "Guv'nor", has picked up the mantle, preserving a way of life that is near extinction, Matthew, his mother Sandra, his wife Lisa, and their six children Cherise, Licia, Rio, Shannon, Luke and Matty, enter the 21st century with all the pizzazz of the showman.



David Jones with grandchild



"Guv'nor" Ernest Jones

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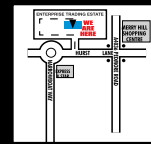
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Mayor visits cat charity shop to spur donations

THE MAYOR of Dudley, Councillor Michael Evans, visited the Cats Protection's Stourbridge shop last week as part of a national campaign to generate more donations for charity shops.

The Choose Charity Shops campaign, led by the Charity Retail Association, is being supported by the shop, which raises funds to help the cat charity find homes for unwanted cats in Stourbridge and surrounding areas.

The Mayor, and his consort Sue Greenaway were at the shop from 10.30am to 11.30am accepting items brought in by members of the public.

Charity shop popularity is at an all-time high, and charity shops raise over £200 million every year for a huge range of charitable causes.

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In addition, they re-use and recycle whatever they can, reducing UK carbon emissions by approximately 3.7 million tonnes every year.

Rob Hall, co-ordinator of Cats Protection's Stourbridge branch said: "We are very grateful to the Mayor and his consort for visiting us today to appeal for, and receive, donations of items."

"These are desperately needed and

selling them will raise more money towards our cat welfare work."

"Seventy four pence in every pound donated to Cats Protection goes directly towards helping unwanted cats, so we are a cause well worth supporting."

Mayor Councillor Michael Evans said: "I'd urge local people to donate unwanted items or clean second hand goods to the shop as part of the Choose Charity Shops campaign."

The Cats Protection branch in Stourbridge provides an essential adoption service for unwanted cats and donating items will help them to continue and hopefully expand their vital cat welfare work."

This week nearly 6,000 charity shops in the UK are coming together to ask members of the public to make a donation to a charity shop in their area and pledge to donate to charity shops for the coming year.

Events are taking place across the country to support the campaign.

Ministers and MPs, including Eric Pickles, Theresa May, Danny Alexander and Hilary Benn are taking part and making a donation to their local charity shop – and charities are organising events locally to encourage more members of the public to donate.

Extension plan wins despite objections from neighbours

A HOUSEHOLDER has won a battle to construct a side extension to his home – despite bitter objections from his furious neighbours.

Gerald Thomas faced a storm of protests from other residents living in The Brake, Hagley, over plans to build a one-storey extension at his property.

The small housing development was designed by a leading architect in the 1960s and was an award-winner in its day.

Through the estate's management company, Mr Thomas's neighbours argued the development would bring an "unwanted change" to the appearance of the road.

They were also concerned the extension would be "highly visible and prominent" and would set a precedent for other such develop-

ments in the area. Mr Thomas took his case to the Upper Tribunal (Lands Chamber) after residents voted against the extension by a majority of 10 to six.

The Brake (Hagley) Management Company Ltd pointed to a covenant restricting building work on each of the 18 plots.

It also described an offer by Mr Thomas to pay £300 to allay his neighbours' concerns as "derisory".

Covenant

But Mr Thomas argued the consent to waive the anti-building covenant had been "unreasonably withheld".

He had also offered to make the new extension available for management meetings and said the plan would not "injure" the privacy of any other resident.

Mr Thomas said it would also not fall within the sight line of other properties in The Brake. The judge



Extension – The Brake in Hagley where building can go ahead

found in favour of Mr Thomas.

He said the extension, for which planning permission was already approved, was "reasonable use" for the land. He said it would be straightforward single-storey extension and despite the architectural merits of The Brake it did not

offer "such significant qualities or uniqueness or individuality".

"I do not accept the suggestion that granting this application would be the thin end of the wedge and open the floodgates to many other applications of a similar nature," he said.

Peter's Dabb hand



Information technology teacher Peter Dabbs gets packing for his lucky breaks

TEACHER Peter Dabbs was happy enough when he heard he had won one luxury holiday – but was even more delighted when he found just a couple of weeks later he had landed a second lucky break.

The 50-year-old information technology teacher, of Kingswinford, was looking forward to enjoying his first prize – flights and four nights in a five-star hotel in Bermuda – with his wife, Michelle.

He won the prize in a competition run by a national newspaper by answering a simple question.

Then he had a phone call telling him he had clinched yet another holiday – this time for five nights in a five-star hotel in Malta, including spa treatments – through entering a competition on social networking site Facebook.

All he had done on that occasion was to click that he "liked" the Maltese Tourist Board's Facebook page.

"I was surprised enough to win the first holiday – and doubly so when I won the second," said Mr Dabbs, who works at Kingsley College, Redditch.

Dragon's Den victor offers Olympic help

AN ENTREPRENEUR who quit his day job after wowing tycoons on Dragons' Den will sponsor two Olympic and Paralympic hopefuls from the Midlands.

Neil Westwood, who grew up in Kingswinford, secured a £100,000 investment from Dragons Theo Paphitis and Deborah Meaden when he pitched the idea of his Magic Whiteboard on the BBC show in 2008.

He has since become the most successful contestant in the history of the show as sales of his products soar.

Mr Westwood has pledged £1,000 to 19-year-old discus thrower Adam Damadzic, from Worcester, to help pay for equipment, coaching and travelling to competitions.

He will also sponsor six-time Paralympic champion swimmer Sascha Kindred, from Hereford.

The 34-year-old, who has cerebral palsy, has won medals across the globe and broke the world record for the individual medley at the 2008 games in Beijing.

Mr Westwood said: "These guys are really inspirational and are working really hard to be successful. We are going to work with them to help them perform even better."

Mr Westwood, a father-of-two, runs the business from his Worcester home with his wife Laura and two others.

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thechronicle**Government is to blame**

THIS Coalition Government is entirely to blame for their poor showing at the recent poll in my opinion and no doubt thousands of others.

It is not a united party and to put things bluntly it was not what the majority of voters, Tory or Liberal wanted after a General Election.

The promises made to voters at the time have as usual not been kept, i.e. a cut in immigration, a repeal of the hated Human Rights Act

which is exploited beyond belief by criminals, terrorists and anybody else who see us as a soft touch and gets away with it.

People as a whole are not too difficult to please, but when voting time comes around as these May elections have proved these broken election promises play a major part in the final outcome when votes are counted; it's just the way it is. I'm 76 years old and I cannot grumble too much.

However I've seen this country due to one thing or another slip down the ratings in every walk of life and getting worse.

So, if lessons are to be learned from these latest poll results this coalition Government must change and change now if it wants to stay in power.

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**Squeezers ruin the
loaves for everyone**

FOR A long time I have been angered by the loaves I buy at my local supermarket, which when opened are torn and unusable.

The store tells me they can do nothing about it. The reason is plain when you see people squeezing loaves so they imagine they are getting a "good one". The last loaf I bought had ten torn and unusable slices.

The people who squeeze the bread clearly still live in the past when the local baker mixed his own dough, lit his coal-fired, brick oven and judged when the bread was ready.

There were so many variables that each loaf was different and individual selection may well have been advantageous. That's how it was when I was a child.

The squeezers clearly have not noticed things have changed. Enormous batches of dough are baked in thermostatically controlled fan ovens with no cool corners or hot spots, loaves are identical and all the squeezers achieve is to do damage. For the supermarket's information I no longer buy bread but have porridge for my breakfast.

DAVID YOUNG, Brierley Hill

**Delight at
losing the
control of
council**

LIKE most Council tax payers I have a long memory and that's why I'm absolutely delighted the Conservatives lost control of Dudley Council.

They rubber-stamped the closure of Coseley Baths on the same day that they awarded themselves a 22 per cent rise.

Then, while they were telling everyone they had no money to repair the baths they purchased (for an undisclosed fee) the Old Gala Bingo hall on Castle Street only to announce earlier this year they were considering having it demolished because they didn't know what to do with it. I hope this new Labour council can do a better job but I'm not holding my breath.

**SEAN PERCIVAL,
Sedgley**

**Toilets are
too small**

THE new toilets at Stourbridge interchange are not very big.

Instead of all the open space by each bus stand, they could have made the toilets bigger.

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Staff want new charity

SUPERMARKET bosses are appealing for charities in Stourbridge and Brierley Hill to receive a year's worth of support.

Staff at the Sainsbury's store in Ambleside organise a series of fundraising events each year.

Over the past 12 months, the scheme raised £3,900 for the Brierley Hill Project, which helps people living on the town's Chapel Street estate. Now staff at the store, in Sandringham Way, are on the lookout for a new charity. Customers can vote for their favourite local charity until May 23.

Leader vows more say

THE NEW Labour leader of Dudley Council has vowed to give the community a greater say in the way the authority is run as he outlined his priorities for the coming year.

Less than a week after Labour swept to power in Dudley as the Conservatives' support collapsed in the borough, Councillor David Sparks says he has already started the process of cutting red tape. He said that he would overhaul the current area committee system to involve residents more and ensure that their concerns are discussed.

And he said beauty spots such as Wrens Nest and Saltwells nature reserves in Dudley should be celebrated for their "international significance". Area committee meetings are

currently held in Brierley Hill, Halesowen, Stourbridge and Central and North Dudley with the aim that local issues will be addressed.

But Councillor Sparks said: "These meetings are usually a line of councillors sitting opposite a line of officers talking about things that have no relevance to an area committee."

Taskforce

He said the chairmen of the meetings would form a "taskforce" to look at how the structure can be changed to make it "more relevant to individual communities".

And the number of meetings per year will be reduced to four, after being reduced to three last year, he said.

Councillor Sparks said he wanted to

"re-establish Dudley's green credentials" by building 'The Leasowes in Halesowen and Dudley's nature reserves into a new tourism plan for the borough.

He said: "Doulton's Clay Pit at Saltwells is really important and parts of Wrens Nest date back to the foundation of science and geology. In recent years we have lost site of the international significance of our green spaces."

Councillor Sparks said the demolition of Coseley Baths in 2009 and the more recent proposed closure of New Bradley Hall care home in Kingswinford had impacted on the Tory party's votes. He today insisted New Bradley Hall would stay open - as previous leader Councillor Les Jones had vowed.

Sessions pushed to give jobless tips and guidance

SESSIONS are being held across the Dudley borough to help unemployed people.

The weekly Work Clubs will help people search online for a job and write CVs, and will also offer career advice and interview tips.

On Mondays from 10.30am to 1pm the event will be held at Coseley Library in Castle Street, and at Dudley Library in St James's Road from 5pm to 7pm.

Gornal Library in Abbey Road hosts the event on Tuesdays between 10am and 12.30pm, while from 3pm to 5pm it takes place at Dudley Wood Neighbourhood Learning Centre in Dudley Wood Road.

The session at Lye Library in Chapel Street runs from 10am to 12.30pm and at the same time the event takes place at the

Rainbow Centre, Rainbow Street, Bilston.

Also on Thursdays the Savoy Centre in Northfield Road, Netherton, hosts the group between 1pm and 5pm, and a session is held at Brierley Hill Library every Thursday from 1.30pm to 3.30pm.

The Castle and Priory Neighbourhood Learning Centre in Limes Road, Dudley hosts the event from 9.30am to midday on Thursdays.

Events also take place at Halesowen Library in the Queensway Mall, Halesowen on Fridays from 12.15pm to 2.15pm.

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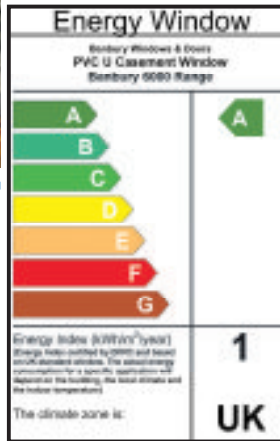
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Warming up for Zumba are, from left, workers Jayne Crook, Anna Billingham and Danielle Bevan

STAFF from a disabled children's charity are gearing up to host Zumba classes at their centre in Stourbridge.

Lye-based KIDS Orchard Centre will be holding weekly classes from this week onwards, with the aim of raising funds and provide regular income to help sustain services.

The centre already provides specialist and inclusive dance classes, as well as a drama group, sports clubs and active lifestyle workshops.

Anna Billingham, senior practitioner at KIDS, said: "These classes will be fun and are a way to keep fit and meet new people."

"We know that there are other fitness classes out there, however we hope that people come to us as we offer the feel-good factor of supporting a local charity."

Classes will take place on Tuesdays from 1-2pm, Wednesday from 10-11am and Thursdays from 7-8pm.

For more information or to book a place contact Anna on 01384 897489.

Recruiting company is in administration

A STOURBRIDGE-BASED recruitment company with scores of temporary workers on its books has gone into administration, it has been revealed.

But all the staff and temporary workers at Get Me Staff Recruitment Services were transferred to a new company before administrators from accountants Mazars in Birmingham were appointed.

No-one at the new company was able to comment.

Administrator Steve Wood from Mazars said: "The business had proposed a Voluntary Arrangement to its creditors but this had been rejected prior to our involvement."

"Certain parts of the business and assets of the company were sold prior to our appointment as administrators and we are now focusing our attention on the realisation of the company's debtors."

"The administrators' proposals will report more fully on the administration in due course."

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Frustration as dress store appears to shut up shop



Empty - Marion Vaughan Bridal Studio, in Lower High Street, Stourbridge where shelves and racks have been stripped

BRIDES-TO-BE and school students preparing for their proms have been left without dresses for their big days after a bridal shop shut suddenly.

Orders had been placed for months with Marion Vaughan Bridal Studio, in Lower High Street, Stourbridge.

But worried customers said they were stunned when they arrived at the store to see the shelves and racks stripped.

And they claim that, despite repeated calls to the shop and visits in person, they have received no answer from the business owners. Customers

say they will have to hunt out last minute alternatives.

Liz Brewerton, aged 53, of Cot Lane, Wordsley was left worrying about her daughter Laura's dress for Kingswinford's Summerhill School prom.

Mrs Brewerton paid deposits and other costs of £140 for the emerald dress on February ahead of settling a £275 bill upon delivery.

"I'm just angry really, money is an issue because it is £140 plus," said Mrs Brewerton, of Cot Lane, Wordsley.

Mrs Brewerton said she had secured a last minute deal with the dress manufacturer to have her 16-year-old daughter's dress supplied directly.

On hearing of the customers' plight, numerous bridal and prom dress stores

have offered their support. Among them was Rebecca Dowell, owner of Emily Kayes Bridal Studio, in High Street, Pattingham.

She said that if customers came to her store with a receipt stated exactly how much deposit was paid to Marion Vaughan's then she would take that amount off the price of a dress.

Karen Peters, proprietor of Lifestyles Bridal, in Bilston Road, Monmore Green, Wolverhampton, also pledged her support. She says she stocks a range of cheaper dresses starting at around £99 for those who have lost out.

No-one from Marion Vaughan Bridal Studio was available for comment.

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Since opening three years ago, the restaurant's reputation has grown through word

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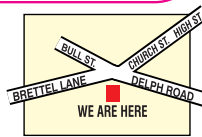
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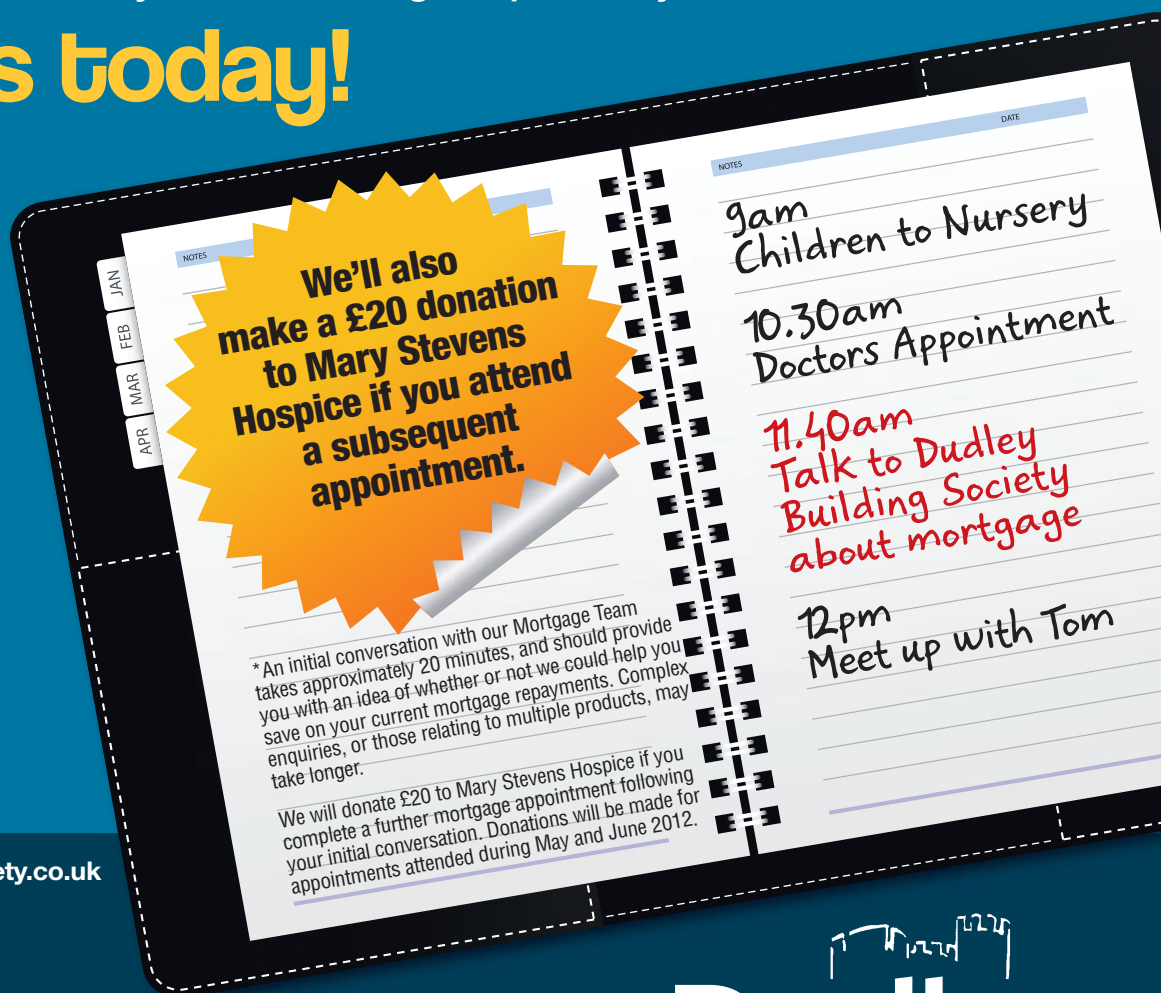
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Frying start for Craig's oven cleaning business

AN oven cleaning business which covers the Stourbridge areas is celebrating its first anniversary.

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He was an auditor for a gas and electrical company before launching Ovenu, which is based in Stourbridge, because he wanted to be his own boss.

The risk of starting a business in a difficult economic climate was eased since the franchise was already well-established, having been run for the previous five years by Roger Rackham.

Mr Fletcher said: "I am very pleased with the success of the business over the past year."

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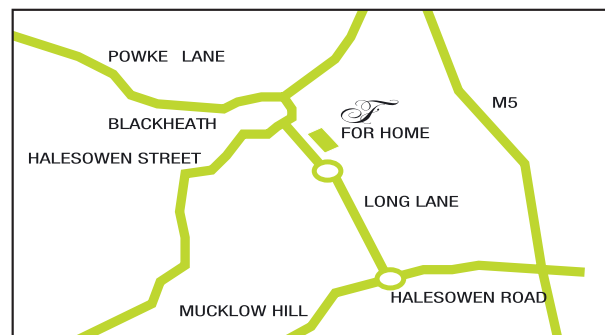
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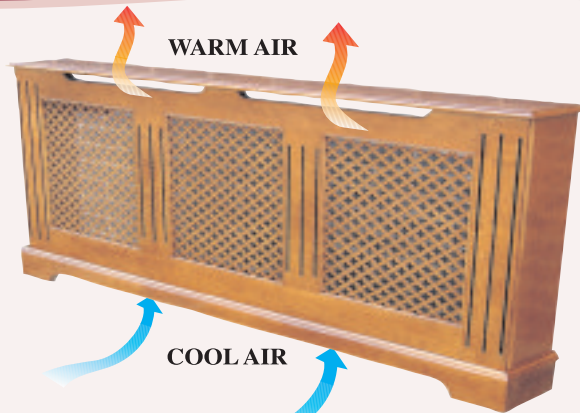
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THE HILLS in a picturesque village in South Staffordshire are alive with the sound of music as the local operatic society gets ready to stage its version of a much loved show.

Kinver Light Operatic Society has gathered together its own Maria and seven Von Trapp children for the Rodgers and Hammerstein musical "Sound of Music".

The story about a nun who leaves an Austrian convent to become a governess to a widowed naval officer's seven children in the 1930s, started at Edgecliff Theatre, Kinver, on Monday, with nightly performances until May 19 and a matinee on Saturday.

Generations

And it's a real family affair, with relatives of different generations on stage together.

Bella Moreton, aged eight, stars as Gretl Von Trapp, while her mother, Cathy Moreton, plays Sister Sophia. Millie Brown, 10, plays Brigitta Von Trapp - and her brother, Joe Brown, is Nazi soldier Rolf.

Ellie Woodward, 12, plays Louisa Von Trapp, with her mother, Rachel Woodward, as a nun.

Charlotte Wood, who takes the lead role of Maria, made famous by Julie Andrews - said: "We are the first local society to be performing the musical."

For tickets call 01384 836963.

Hall in line for UK award

A VILLAGE hall near Bewdley, Worcestershire, has been short-listed for a prestigious national award at the 2012 Biffa Awards, a ceremony which recognises the people who transform their communities through Biffa Award funded projects.

Selected from nearly 100 hopeful applicants, Trimpley Village Hall will now compete against four other organisations from across the country for the chance to be named winner of the 'Community Buildings' category, and receive a £2,000 prize.



Maria, played by Charlotte Wood, is pictured with the Von Trapp children, clockwise from top, played by Matthew Evans, Lara Mitchell, Stephen Drew, Bella Moreton, Ellie Woodward, Annie Fellows and Millie Brown

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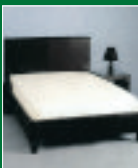
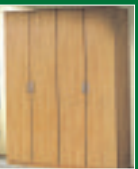
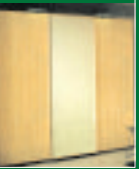
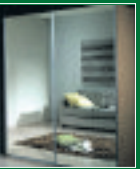


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Scholarship student is flying high



Old Swinford Hospital School scholarship winner Christopher Bransbury ready for action

OLD Swinford Hospital School student Christopher Bransbury has been awarded an Air Cadet Pilot Scheme flying scholarship by the RAF.

Christopher recently gained his 'Silver Wings' after completing a Gliding Scholarship Course at RAF Cosford and was recommended for this prestigious scholarship. Prior to flying solo, Christopher had to bank five and a half hours with an instructor. Christopher then had to complete a short test and be interviewed by a RAF Officer.

"This is an incredible achievement for Christopher" said

Ft Lt D P Jenkins (Section Commander OSH CCF) "He is only the second OSH student in 23 years to have been awarded this important scholarship".

17 year-old Christopher from Solihull is a weekly boarder at Old Swinford Hospital and has been a member of the OSH Air Cadets since Year 9. This latest scholarship will help further his ambition to join the RAF as an officer.

The Air Cadet Pilot Scheme (ACPS) is designed for CCF/ATC Cadets who have excelled in all aspects of their training.

Award for nursery school

HAGLEY Playgroup, a pre-school near Stourbridge, has been awarded a Recognition of Commitment to Quality from Worcestershire County Council's Early Years and Childcare Service (EYCS).

The playgroup, which has also recently gained the Outstanding accreditation from Ofsted, was presented the award by Worcestershire County Council for achieving a 100 percent rating for the setting's commitment to quality in 2011/2012.

The achieved rating took into account the pre-school's Ofsted grade

in addition to its ongoing improvement through training.

Based in Hagley Community Centre, Hagley Playgroup has been running for over 50 years and now opens on four mornings a week from 9am to midday. It takes children from the age of two and works within the Early Years Foundation Stage.

Sharon Gould, Manager, Hagley Playgroup says:

"We are absolutely delighted to have been presented with the recognition of our commitment to quality from Worcestershire County Council. We

strive to provide a happy, caring and educational setting for our children, and it is wonderful to be recognised, firstly by Ofsted and now by our local authority, for delivering the best possible childcare."

Cath Ellicot, Service Manager, Early Years and Childcare Service, says:

"We offer our sincere congratulations to Sharon and her team for achieving the 100 percent rating for Hagley Playgroups commitment to quality and we wish the nursery every success for the future."

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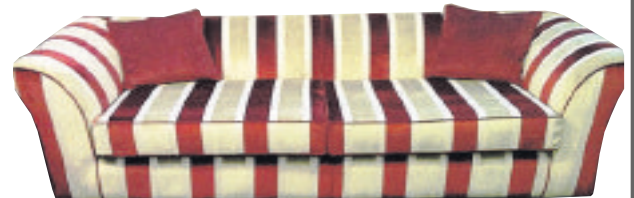
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MP takes on news empire in scandal over hacking

Dial M For Murdoch: News Corporation and the Corruption of Britain - Tom Watson and Martin Hickman (Allen Lane, hardback, £20)

THE SCANDAL surrounding media mogul Rupert Murdoch's news empire strikes at the heart of the British establishment.

The revelations of phone hacking, obsequious politicians and compliant senior police officers have left a bad smell.

One politician who can't be described as obsequious is West Bromwich East MP Tom Watson, who came under the national spotlight with his forthright questioning of both Murdoch senior and his son James when the media barons were summoned by parliamentary committee.

The Labour politician came under News Corporation's spotlight some years earlier, probably as a result of his involvement in moves to persuade Tony Blair to step down as Prime Minister.

Watson can be forgiven the relish he showed when facing the Murdochs when one hears of the intimidation which he believes was a response to his digging into practices at News International. In this book co-written with Independent journalist Martin



Tom Watson MP



The MP's new book



Media mogul Rupert Murdoch

A review of new non-fiction books by Leon Burakowski

Hickman, Watson reveals that the stress cost him his marriage and almost his sanity. But the facts uncovered by the MP and several print and broadcast journalists led to two of the most powerful men in world media being grilled by MPs.

Arrests

The scandal has already resulted in many senior people losing their jobs, more than 40 arrests, and the closure of one of the world's best known Sunday newspapers. Even Rupert Murdoch admits that the News Of The World affair is "a blot on my reputation".

It isn't over yet. May began with a split in the

culture committee, which includes Mr Watson, after its report declaring that Rupert Murdoch was not a fit person to exercise stewardship of a major international company. Police investigations continue as does Lord Leveson's inquiry.

To get inside this still evolving story, Watson and Hickman's partisan but compelling book is essential.

Also recently published: **Russia: A 1,000 Year Chronicle of the Wild East** - Martin Sixsmith (BBC, paperback, £9.99). The former BBC Moscow correspondent looks at how a troubled history has forged modern Russia, examining

such traits as the desire for a strong 'iron fist' leader.

Queen Anne: The Politics of Passion - Anne Somerset (Harper Press, hardback, £25). At last a sympathetic biography for the last Stuart monarch who, it is usually for being very overweight and having lesbian affairs. She was and she did but there was a lot more to the queen who reigned 1702 to 1714.

A Visitor's Companion to Tudor England - Suzannah Lipscomb (Ebury Press, hardback, £12.99). Dr Lipscomb selects Tudor locations across the country, including Harvington Hall and Kenilworth Castle, to give an insight into the 1500s.

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Llangollen trip is still in pipeline

WOLLASTON E TOWNSWOMEN

SOME 45 members attended the April meeting and were warmly welcomed by the chairman, Jean Latham.

After apologies were read, the secretary gave the minutes of the previous meeting which were duly passed.

Treasurer Margaret Gregory gave a favourable account of the finances, but requested that the £20 payment for the annual dinner at Blakelands be paid at the next meeting.

The meeting place for the McMillan walk on Tuesday, day June 19 is the White Hart, Kinner at 6.30pm. The cost of the après meal is £5.

The proposed trip to Llangollen on Friday, August 3 is still in the pipeline but more support is required for this venture before it can finally be arranged.

Certificates for 40 years service were presented by the chairman to proud recipients, Marion Clarke, Betty Noke and Hazel Needham. Vicky Perry, the 2011-12 National President of the Ladies Circle gave a very interesting and informative talk on this organisation.

Everyone enjoyed learning more about the charitable work these ladies do and the chairman and members showed their appreciation.

Competition winners were Hazel Needham and Sue Ward and raffle prizes went to Ann McKenzie and Jill Dunn.

CLUB NEWS

Canal enthusiast talk a cut above



The guest speaker was Graham Fisher MBE

BLACK COUNTRY SOCIETY

GRAHAM Fisher MBE was the guest speaker when the Kingswinford branch met in St Mary's Church hall.

"Jewels on the Cut" was an examination of the Stourbridge glass industry from the perspective of the Stourbridge Canal. Jewels on the Cut is also the title of his recent book.

Graham has been a canal enthusiast all his life and regularly explores the canal network in his restored narrow boat.

He talked about the Portland Vase and of attempts to revive techniques of the making of this Roman cameo glass, lost for 2,000 years.

Glassmaking is still taking place in the area and at the Ruskin Centre (formerly Webb & Corbett glass works Terri Colledge has been working upon a new "Portland Vase" replica for the 2012 International Glass Festival.

Tale of the 'Merry Monarch'

AT THE April meeting, Ken Gilkes talked about the flight of King Charles II after the Battle of Worcester on September 3 1651.

Mr Gilkes has always lived in the Brewod area where the king stayed while trying to escape from Parliamentarians.

He illustrated the talk with slides of the houses and buildings visited by King

MYTIME OVER FIFTIES

Charles, including the White Ladies Priory, to where he travelled via Chaddeley Corbett and Stourbridge.

There was a £1,000 reward for his capture and he spent September 4 hiding in the Spring Coppice while

Parliamentarians from Codsall searched for him.

He hid in an oak tree at Boscobel House, moved on to Moseley Old Hall and then to Bentley Hall in Walsall.

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35YR old female, seeks intelligent, down to earth male, 50-75 for friendship, maybe more. Tel No: 0907 004 4190 Box No: 388297 §

FEMALE looking for gent, 65-70, caring, loving and independent. Tel No: 0907 004 4190 Box No: 378295

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CURVY red haired female, been hurt in the past seeks older male to buy her flowers and mend her broken heart. Tel No: 0907 004 4190 Box No: 377432 §

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TALL curvy female, 36dd, loves music, looking for fun and romance with dark male. Give me a call. Tel No: 0907 004 4190 Box No: 359238 §

FEMALE looking for stocky male, 50-60 to share a happy life. Tel No: 0907 004 4190 Box No: 386169 §

WIDOW genuine, 70, kind, caring, N/S, seeks male for friendship, relationship, holidays and outings. Tel No: 0907 004 4190 Box No: 303133

FUN loving lady, outgoing, honest, caring, likes socialising, seeks older male, 50-70. Tel No: 0907 004 4190 Box No: 383325 §

LONG haired blonde, 37, enjoys meals out but would love to cook a romantic meal for the man of her dreams. Tel No: 0907 004 4190 Box No: 361076 §

CLARE good looking, beautiful blonde, seeks male for fun and friendship. Tel No: 0907 004 4190 Box No: 378209 §

SLIM 32yr old blonde, kind, caring, good listener, honest, likes to have fun, seeks male. Tel No: 0907 004 4190 Box No: 339373 §

KATHY caring lady 60, medium build, smoker, seeks caring, smart male 55-65 for companionship. Tel No: 0907 004 4190 Box No: 374773 §

WIDOW seeking similar aged male to share holidays and weekends out. Car owner preferred. Tel No: 0907 004 4190 Box No: 389795 §

MARION slim attractive petite professional who works too hard, looking to prioritise the important things in life and try and find love. Interested? Tel No: 0907 004 4190 Box No: 389759

33YR old black haired, medium built, 5ft 3ins female seeking soul mate. Tel No: 0907 004 4190 Box No: 389799

MANDY 21yr old single white female looking for fun, maybe more with understanding, open minded male. Tel No: 0907 004 4190 Box No: 389741

SUSAN sophisticated, confident, attractive female seeking respectful professional male for daytime meets and loving friendship. Tel No: 0907 004 4190 Box No: 389739

5FT 1ins female, brown hair, blue eyes, medium build, seeks male, 40-50, honest, caring, trustworthy, down to earth and bubbly. Tel No: 0907 004 4190 Box No: 388741 §

NATALIE 30, attractive, size 12, black, seeking male for romantic fun. Tel No: 0907 004 4190 Box No: 387753 §

SUE petite blonde, curvy size 8, outgoing, cultured, enjoys cosy night cuddles, seeking loving male to make me feel special. Status unimportant. Tel No: 0907 004 4190 Box No: 388961

ANN very attractive female, N/S, positive attitude to life, WLTM similar kind male with a lot of get up and go for romance and fun. Tel No: 0907 004 4190 Box No: 388959

HOME alone with no one to call my own! 38yr old naughty girl looking for fun. Can travel. Tel No: 0907 004 4190 Box No: 363277 §

I'M Jayne a very slim attractive dark haired female, 34yrs, seeking someone special to spend quality times and fall head over hills in love with. Tel No: 0907 004 4190 Box No: 388963

ALISON single caring attractive professional looking for companionship with understanding male. Tel No: 0907 004 4190 Box No: 388119

DOROTHY shy female new to the dating caring and generally an all round nice person, looking for similar male to love. Pls call. Tel No: 0907 004 4190 Box No: 388117

JANE 40's, blonde blue eyed petite build, with ties, WLTM understanding tall, caring man for daytime meets. Tel No: 0907 004 4190 Box No: 375141

CARLY beautiful slim brunette looking for mature male 50-70yrs for fun. Tel No: 0907 004 4190 Box No: 376569

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FARMER'S granddaughter, OHAC, stunningly attractive, respectable, sincere, WLTM countryman/bachelor, 48-62, 5ft 9ins plus, genuine, uncomplicated with GSOH and TLC. Tel No: 0907 004 4190 Box No: 387204

POLLY dark hair, 50, attractive, outgoing, seeks special outgoing male for days out etc. Telford. Tel No: 0907 004 4190 Box No: 371127 §

KIND romantic female, 50, seeking a male to talk, maybe more. Tel No: 0907 004 4190 Box No: 368429 §

RAQUEL dark hair, tattooed, single mum, genuine, slim, petite, affectionate, sensitive, seeks special male. Tel No: 0907 004 4190 Box No: 366755 §

BLONDE tanned female, trendy, 46, GSOH, likes walks, pubs, nights in, seeks male. Tel No: 0907 004 4190 Box No: 384852 §

SHROPSHIRE lady 48, slim, attractive, N/S, seeks attractive male, 5ft 10ins plus for good times, maybe more. Tel No: 0907 004 4190 Box No: 359491

MARIA 38, blonde, 5ft 5ins, caring, likes nights in/out, seeks caring male for friendship, maybe more. Tel No: 0907 004 4190 Box No: 329319 §

SINGLE MEN

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GUY 25, business minded, seeks female to wine/dine, treat, spoil and share fun times with. Tel No: 0907 004 4190 Box No: 390301 §

KIND gent, 60 plus, likes simple things in life, seeks warm, lifelong companion, partner and soul mate. Tel No: 0907 004 4190 Box No: 388891 §

ATTRACTIVE 47yr old male, 5ft 11ins, dark hair, blue eyes, likes theatre, meals out, holidays, seeks similar aged female for relationship. Tel No: 0907 004 4190 Box No: 390275

STUNNING female with legs to die for sought by affluent country gent, must have broadminded outlook on life. Tel No: 0907 004 4190 Box No: 390227

BLACK male, early 50's, seeking genuine, caring lady for LTR. Tel No: 0907 004 4190 Box No: 390115

UNREMARKABLE guy 49, complete misery with no sense of humour, seeks similar lady to share in misery and more. Tel No: 0907 004 4190 Box No: 390111 §

ACTIVE 33yr old male, dark, handsome, Tiger Woods lookalike, seeks big, beautiful woman for fun. Tel No: 0907 004 4190 Box No: 390165 §

ADVENTUROUS friendly, artistic 32yr old male, slim, dark hair, seeks slim lady for friendship, maybe more. Tel No: 0907 004 4190 Box No: 352753 §

MALE seeking likeminded female, likes dancing, 60's music and runs out on Mod scooter. Tel No: 0907 004 4190 Box No: 387297 §

STEVE 61, seeks attractive younger lady for meets. Tel No: 0907 004 4190 Box No: 389637

RON 5ft 9ins, fit, retired, likes sports, cinema, theatre, seeks genuine female for friendship, maybe more. Tel No: 0907 004 4190 Box No: 389551 §

ATTRACTIVE kind guy 48, seeking open-minded lady for friendship and more. Tel No: 0907 004 4190 Box No: 387009 §

41YR old male, 6ft, dark hair, likes cosy nights in and good times out, seeks female to share good times with, maybe more. Tel No: 0907 004 4190 Box No: 369663 §

ROMANTIC white male, 46, 5ft 11ins, likes meals out, cinema, seeks female for good times. Tel No: 0907 004 4190 Box No: 388185

39YR old single male, seeks genuine female for friendship, possible relationship. Tel No: 0907 004 4190 Box No: 389197 §

MICHAEL 51, 6ft 2ins, looking for female, 45-55 for daytime meets, fun, friendship, maybe more. Tel No: 0907 004 4190 Box No: 390774 §

STOP! Steve 52, confident, seeks high heeled, female for fun and adventure. Tel No: 0907 004 4190 Box No: 227298

MALE 58, 5ft 8ins, medium build, short hair, GSOH, seeks female, 50-60 to share happiness and life with. Tipton. Tel No: 0907 004 4190 Box No: 370649 §

BRIAN 60's, likes music, sport, seeks similar lady for friendship, occasional evenings/weekends together. Tel No: 0907 004 4190 Box No: 389011 §

6FT 2ins male, blue eyes, short hair, seeks loyal, honest female. Tel No: 0907 004 4190 Box No: 309017

MALE 51, 6ft 2ins, honest, loyal, seeks female for friendship, relationship and romance. Tel No: 0907 004 4190 Box No: 308785

HONEST male 51, blue eyes, likes clubs, nights in/out, seeks loving female. Tel No: 0907 004 4190 Box No: 309479

PAUL 61, seeks attractive younger lady for fun. Tel No: 0907 004 4190 Box No: 388887

UNREMARKABLE guy 49, complete misery with no sense of humour, seeks similar lady to share in misery and more. Tel No: 0907 004 4190 Box No: 390111 §

PAUL 61, seeks attractive younger lady for daytime fun. Tel No: 0907 004 4190 Box No: 390015

MALE 55, single, N/S, 5ft 6ins, medium build, easygoing, seeks female, 40 plus for friendship, maybe more. Tel No: 0907 004 4190 Box No: 389975 §

HONEST 6ft, athletic male, 50, caring, genuine, likes keep fit, DIY, walks, seeks female, 40-55, slim for relationship and romance. Tel No: 0907 004 4190 Box No: 390023 §

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MALE 34, attractive, 5ft 10ins, blue eyes, blond hair, seeks slim male for fun relationship. Any area, can travel. Tel No: 0907 004 4190 Box No: 311892 §

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Dozen new jobs created as retailer opens branch



Customer Mark Inxe opens the new store on Enterprise Trading Estate with the help of branch manager Mark Moore

RETAILER, Screwfix is celebrating opening a new branch in Brierley Hill with the creation of 12 new jobs.

The new store, on Enterprise Trading Estate, will allow tradesmen in the area and beyond to purchase products at a time to fit in with their busy schedules.

With branches nationwide, Brierley Hill, is Screwfix's 223rd trade counter to open, and will ensure that tradesmen have access to more than 18,000 tools, accessories and hardware products at their fingertips.

Screwfix branch manager, Mark Moore, said: "This is our first branch in

Brierley Hill and it is great news; creating 12 jobs locally and introducing Screwfix to the area.

"Tradesmen will have much greater access to all the trade essentials they need, which aside from being welcomed by homeowners who rely on Brierley Hill's professionals, means they won't have to travel far to reach their nearest Screwfix store.

Convenience

"At Screwfix we pride ourselves on the speed, reliability and convenience of our service and are looking forward to welcoming the tradesmen of Brierley Hill, as well as local experienced

DIY-er's who are also part of our loyal customer base."

The branch in Brierley Hill offers customers a quick and easy way to purchase products, by simply selecting items from a catalogue.

They can then use Screwfix's Click, Collect and Go service - which enables customers to check that the products they require are in stock and then collect just 15 minutes later from the branch.

The brand's huge range of products and exceptional deals are readily available to tradesmen locally.

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Advertisement Feature

A Warm Springtime Welcome

There's no better time to come and visit The Old Courthouse in Kingswinford.

Spring is always a special time as preparations get underway in the kitchen and their awarded head chef starts to plan this years newest dishes incorporating the abundance of locally produced seasonal ingredients that are just starting to become available at this time of year.

In the front of house, the new menus are out, the waiting team are briefed and the wine orders en route and there definitely is a buzz in the air for what hopefully will be yet another season of great food, amazing tastes and fantastic company. This Spring there are two fantastic new additions to the menu with a brand new free salad bar and ice cream parlour now available. The free salad bar offers an excellent variety of salad



and is available all week with all main meals (excluding the carvery) giving customers the opportunity to have a healthy side dish to accompany their main meals. The award winning carvery is available 7 days a week and offers superb value for money and for those of you with an even bigger appetite the new menu offers a fantastic choice including steak, ribs, chicken, fish, grills, sizzlers and vegetarian options. When it comes to dessert there was already a good choice available but now the children (and probably the adults!) will not be able to stay away from the new Ice Cream Parlour using the excellent Movenpick, Swiss ice cream.

As well as offering a superb dining experience The Old Courthouse is a delightful and charming converted Victorian Courthouse that just oozes character with its wooden beams in the lounge bar area, a beautiful large conservatory and large child friendly, secluded gardens. There are also 4



en-suite rooms available to book and the venue can be hired for private functions including weddings, christenings and wakes and before you decide how you will be celebrating the Queens Jubilee this year why not consider spending your weekend at The Old Courthouse. On Saturday 2nd June there is 'Neil Diamonds Jubilee Party' on Sunday the 3rd the 'Jubilee carvery' including 6 meats will be available, Monday 4th June is 'Family Fun Day' with real ale, carvery, salad bar, ice cream parlour and entertainment culminating on Tuesday 5th with an indoor and outdoor family street party with lots of entertainment.



If you enjoy great food, fine wine and are looking for a family friendly pub and restaurant experience then The Old Courthouse is highly recommended and is located on the A4101 Kingswinford High Street and can be found directly opposite Kingswinford Village Green.





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OFF BY HEART: SHAKESPEARE

BBC2, 9pm
Following on from the 2009 poetry recital contest Off by Heart comes this national project aimed at getting schoolchildren engaged with the words of the Bard. The documentary follows the regional heats and workshops as the organisers, working with the Shakespeare Schools Festival, test the young competitors' memory, performance and engagement with the language as they perform soliloquies from Romeo and Juliet, Henry V and Hamlet. The nine best will take part in the final in Stratford-upon-Avon, hosted by Jeremy Paxman, as part of the World Shakespeare Festival.

6.00 Breakfast. **9.00** Saturday Kitchen Live. **10.30** The Diamond Jubilee: Armed Forces Tribute. **12.40** BBC News: Regional News; Weather. **12.50** British Olympic Dreams. **1.20** Triathlon. **2.50** Gymnastics. **4.20** Regional Programmes. **4.50** Pointless Celebrities. **5.40** BBC News: Regional News; Weather.

6.00 My Family. Susan is accused of sexual harassment at work. (R)

6.30 The Voice UK. Jessie and Danny's contestants take the stage again, and as last week, each team will face a double elimination, leaving the mentors with two acts to take through to the semi-final.

8.00 The National Lottery: In It to Win It. Quiz show, including the all-important numbers.

8.50 Casualty. Tom is reunited with troubled teenager Alicia Dans.

9.40 Michael McIntyre's Comedy Roadshow. With John Bishop, Justin Moorhouse, Miles Jupp and Terry Alderton. (R)

10.10 BBC News: Weather. **10.30** Kevin Bridges - The Story So Far. A performance from Glasgow's SECC Arena filmed in 2010; National Lottery Update.

11.30 The Football League Show. Highlights of the Championship play-off final at Wembley Stadium.

12.15 Film: Kevin and Perry Go Large. (2000) Comedy, starring Harry Enfield and Kathy Burke. **1.30** Weatherview. **1.35** BBC News.

6.00 CBeebies. **7.00** CBBC. **12.15** Great British Menu. (R) **12.45** Film: Macbeth. (1948) Shakespeare's tragedy, directed by and starring Orson Welles. **2.30** Film: Twelfth Night. (1996) Shakespeare's comedy, starring Imogen Stubbs. **4.40** Flog It! **5.40** Don't Panic! The Dad's Army Story. (R)

6.30 Dad's Army. Mainwaring tackles a terrorist. (R)

7.00 You Have Been Watching - David Croft. Tribute to the TV comedy writer, who died in 2011, known for his work on the sitcoms Dad's Army, Allo Allo, Are You Being Served?, It Ain't Half Hot Mum and Hi-de-Hi!. Narrated by Dilly Barlow. (R)

8.00 Cutty Sark: National Treasure Reopened. Updated version of the documentary first broadcast in February, following the restoration of the renowned clipper ship after she was ravaged by fire in May 2007.

9.00 Off by Heart Shakespeare. Documentary following a national competition in which schoolchildren compete to recite the words of Shakespeare in a test of memory, performance and engagement with the language.

10.20 Qi XL. Stephen Fry hosts.

11.05 FILM: Hamlet 2. (2008) Premiere. Comedy, starring Steve Coogan.

12.30 Film: A Cook and Bull Story. (2006) Comedy, starring Steve Coogan and Rob Brydon. **2.00** Close.

6.00 CITV: Mini CITV. **7.25** CITV. **8.25** Saturday Cookbook. **9.25** ITV News. **9.30** The Jeremy Kyle Show USA. **10.25** The Jeremy Kyle Show USA. **11.20** The Real Housewives of New York City. **12.20** Murder, She Wrote. (R) **1.20** The Planet's Funniest Animals. Video clips featuring troublesome pets and crazy wild animals. (R) **1.45** ITV News: Weather. **1.50** Film: Agatha Christie's Murder with Mirrors. (1985) Mystery, starring Helen Hayes and Bette Davis. **3.40** Film: From Russia with Love. (1963) James Bond thriller, starring Sean Connery. **5.45** Regional News; Weather.

6.00 ITV News: Weather. **6.15** Keith Lemon's LemonAid. Girl band the Saturdays put the host and an audience member through their paces in a performance, and X Factor judge Louis Walsh is this week's celebrity helper. Last in the series.

7.00 Live UEFA Champions League Final. Bayern Munich v Chelsea (Kick-off 7.45pm). Coverage of the showpiece match at the Allianz Arena in Munich, where European club football's premier competition concludes.

10.25 ITV News: Weather. **10.40** UEFA Champions League Highlights. Bayern Munich v Chelsea.

11.40 FILM: Bonnie and Clyde. (1967) Fact-based gangster drama, starring Warren Beatty and Faye Dunaway.

1.35 The Store: ITV News Headlines. **3.40** In Plain Sight. (R) **4.25** ITV Nightscreen. **5.30** ITV Morning News.

6.15 The Hoobs. (R) **6.40** British F3. **7.05** FILM Superbike World Championship 2012. (R) **7.30** The Grid. **7.55** The Morning Line. **8.55** The TV Book Club. **9.25** T4: Shooting Cheryl. **10.00** T4: Made in Chelsea. **11.05** T4: The Big Bang Theory. (R) **11.35** T4: The Big Bang Theory. (R) **12.10** T4: The Simpsons. (R) **12.45** T4: The Simpsons. (R) **1.20** Road to London 2012: That Paralympic Show. **1.55** Channel 4 Racing. **3.55** Deal or No Deal. **4.55** Come Dine with Me: Costa del Sol Special. (R) **5.50** Channel 4 News.

6.00 4thought.tv. Members of the public reflect on whether there is a limit to forgiveness.

6.05 FILM: Titanic. (1997) A society girl falls in love with a penniless artist during the liner's ill-fated voyage. Romantic drama, starring Kate Winslet and Leonardo DiCaprio.

9.45 FILM: Rush Hour 3. (2007) An assassination attempt sets the mismatched detectives off on a mission to take on Triad gangs in Paris. Action comedy sequel, starring Jackie Chan and Chris Tucker.

11.30 Rude Tube. Alex Zane counts down through some of the most popular prank videos found online, including eye-watering stunts and comedy characters. (R)

12.35 Stand Up for the Week. (R) **1.20** Film: Bad News Bears. (2005) Comedy remake, starring Billy Bob Thornton. **3.05** Milton Jones's House of Rooms. (R) **3.30** Hallo Panda. (R) **4.00** St Elsewhere. (R) **4.50** Smallville. (R) **5.30** Countdown. (R)

6.00 Milkshake! **10.00** Inside Hollywood. **10.10** The Gadget Show: World Tour. (R) **11.10** Emergency Bikers. (R) **12.10** Robson's Extreme Fishing Challenge. (R) **1.10** Film: Police Academy 2: Their First Assignment. (1985) Comedy sequel, starring Steve Guttenberg. **2.55** Film: The Witches. (1990) Children's fantasy, starring Anjelica Huston. **4.45** Film: Dr Dolittle 2. (2001)

6.30 Ultimate Police Interceptors.

6.55 5 News Weekend. **7.00** Cricket on 5. England v West Indies. Mark Nicholas presents action from the third day of the First Test at Lord's, as the three-match series continued.

7.55 NCIS. The agents undergo psychological evaluations. (R)

8.50 CSI: Crime Scene Investigation. A man is found crushed to death in a hotel room. (R)

9.40 CSI: NY. Jo and Lindsay investigate the murder of a successful Brooklyn-born businessman, and discover he insisted on maintaining connections with the housing project where he was raised.

10.40 Law & Order: Special Victims Unit. A man is found badly beaten in a strip club's car park.

11.35 Law & Order: Special Victims Unit. Detectives try to solve the murder of a paediatrician.

12.35 SuperCasino. **4.00** Great Artists. (R) **4.50** Rough Guide to Cities. (R) **5.00** Hana's Helpline. (R) **5.10** The Milkshake! Show. (R) **5.35** Thomas & Friends. (R) **5.45** Roary the Racing Car. (R)

ITV2
4.45 Totally Bonkers Guinness World Records
5.15 Britain's Got More Talent: All Singing All Dancing
6.15 Britain's Got More Talent: All Stars
7.15 Film: Ice Age: The Meltdown (2006)
9.00 Film: Forgetting Sarah Marshall (2008)
11.15 Keith Lemon's LemonAid

ITV3
3.45 Sherlock Holmes: The Eligible Bachelor
5.55 Agatha Christie's Marple
8.00 Doc Martin
9.00 Lewis
11.00 Sherlock Holmes: The Eligible Bachelor

ITV4
11.00 Live Indian Premier League Cricket: Kings XI Punjab v Delhi DareDevils and Pune Warriors v Kolkata Knight Riders.
8.00 The Sweeney
9.00 Film: The Game (1997) Thriller, starring Michael Douglas.
11.35 Film: Eden Lake (2008)

BBC THREE
7.00 Doctor Who
7.45 Doctor Who Confidential
8.00 Adele Live at the Royal Albert Hall
9.00 Live at the Apollo
9.45 Russell Howard's Good News Extra
10.30 Family Guy Best Freakin' Episodes

BBC FOUR
7.00 South Pacific
8.00 Lost Kingdoms of Africa. The history of South Africa's Zulu kingdom.
9.00 The Bridge
11.00 Tales of Television Centre

E4
3.05 Made in Chelsea
4.10 Charlie's Angels
5.05 How I Met Your Mother
6.00 The Big Bang Theory
7.30 Rules of Engagement
8.00 How I Met Your Mother
8.30 Happy Endings
9.00 Film: Meet the Spartans (2008)
10.45 Rude Tube
11.50 The Big Bang Theory

FILM4
2.50 The Truman Show (1998)
4.45 Star Trek: Insurrection (1998)
6.50 Amelia (2009)
9.00 A Time to Kill (1996)
Courtroom drama, with Samuel L. Jackson and Matthew McConaughey.
11.50 Confessions (2010)

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CHANNEL 4'S COMEDY GALA

Channel 4, 9pm

For any true aficionado of the art of stand-up, this comedy extravaganza has become a high-point on the calendar, despite this being only its third year now. The must-see benefit gig-to-end-all-benefit gigs once again comes from the O2 in London, with all the proceeds going to Great Ormond Street Hospital. A look at the bill will tease your funny-bone with just a smidgen of apprehension for a full-on assault: confirmed acts include such luminaries as Lee Evans, Michael McIntyre and Jo Brand. For fans of up-and-coming acts, there's Paul Chowdhury and Andi Osho plus a music performance by Jessie J.

6.00 Breakfast. **9.00** The Andrew Marr Show. **10.00** The Big Questions. **11.00** Country Tracks: (R) Weather for the Week Ahead. **12.00** Sunday Politics. **1.00** Bargain Hunt. (R) **1.30** Penguin Island. (R) **2.00** Tiger - Spy in the Jungle. (R) **3.00** The Queen's Palaces. (R) **4.00** Lifestyl. **4.10** Points of View. **4.25** Songs of Praise. **5.00** Chelsea Flower Show 2012.

6.00 BBC News: Regional News: Weather.

6.25 Countryfile. Matt Baker, Ellie Harrison and John Craven explore Dumfries and Galloway. Including Weather for the Week Ahead.

7.25 The Voice UK Results. Jessie J and Danny O'Donoghue lose two more acts each.

8.00 Planet Earth Live. Richard Hammond and Julia Bradbury present further wildlife updates, including the progress of Kenyan lion cub Moja and his mum, and bear cubs Herbie and Fern in Minnesota.

9.00 Death in Paradise. Richard investigates the murder of a voodoo priestess. (R)

10.00 BBC News: Regional News: Weather.

10.25 Have I Got a Bit More News for You. Satirical quiz.

11.10 FILM: Anchorman: The Legend of Ron Burgundy. (2004) Newsroom comedy, starring Will Ferrell.

12.40 Weatherview. **12.45** Sign Zone: Ewan McGregor: Gold Chain Mission. (R) **1.45** Holby City. (R) **2.45** Witness to Auschwitz. (R) **3.15** Antiques Road Trip. (R) **4.00** BBC News.

6.00 CBeebies. **7.00** CBBC. **10.00** Athletics: Great Manchester Run. Live coverage of the 10km race. **12.30** Live MotoGP: The French Grand Prix (Start-time 1.00pm). **2.00** Boxing. **3.30** Athletics: Great Manchester City Games. Live coverage from the city centre. **5.00** Put Your Money Where Your Mouth Is. (R) **5.45** Flog It! (R)

6.10 FILM: Deep Impact. (1998) A reporter investigating a presidential misdemeanour stumbles on evidence that a comet is on a collision course with Earth. Sci-fi drama, starring Robert Duvall, Tea Leoni and Morgan Freeman.

8.00 Indian Ocean with Simon Reeve. Simon journeys from Oman to the Maldives, where the tropical coral islands are being damaged by bleaching and one entire island has been turned into a sinking, toxic landfill dump.

9.00 Coast. The lifestyles and history of some of the most extreme locations in Britain, including the Isles of Scilly, Branscombe Cliff, Devon, and St David's Head, Pembrokeshire.

10.00 FILM: Man on Wire. (2008) Documentary about a tightrope walk between the World Trade Centre towers.

11.30 Episodes. Matt buys Sean a sports car. (R)

12.00 Grandma's House. (R) **12.30** Film: Sugar. (2008) Sporting drama, starring Algenis Perez Soto. **2.15** BBC News. **4.00** Close.

6.00 CITV: Mini CITV. **7.25** CITV. **8.25** Dinner Date. **9.25** ITV News. **9.30** Ade in Britain. (R) **10.30** May the Best House Win. (R) **11.30** Long Lost Family. (R) **12.30** ITV News: Weather. **12.35** Dickinson's Real Deal. (R) **1.35** Murder, She Wrote. (R) **2.40** Film: Columbo: Now You See Him. (1976) Detective drama, starring Peter Falk. **4.30** The Hungry Sailors. (R) **5.30** You've Been Framed! (R)

6.00 Harry Hill's TV Burp. Classic clips and skits from previous series, featuring a fight between Mr Blobby and Phil Mitchell, and Hugh Fearnley-Whittingstall trying his hand at intensive chicken farming. (R)

6.25 Regional News: Weather.

6.40 ITV News: Weather. **7.00** **Celebrity Who Wants to Be a Millionaire?** Contestants include Eamonn Holmes and Ruth Langford, plus Paddy McGuinness and his wife.

8.00 Vera. The ugly truth about a murder victim's past begins to emerge when the body of a drug dealer washes up on a beach, while Vera copes with revelations of her own. Last in the series.

10.00 ITV News at Ten: Weather.

10.15 FILM: 10,000 BC. (2008) Prehistoric fantasy adventure, starring Steven Strait.

12.05 The Store: ITV News Headlines. **2.10** River Monsters. (R) **3.00** Motorsport UK. **3.50** ITV Nightscreen. **5.30** ITV Morning News.

6.15 The Hoobs. (R) **6.40** The Hoobs. (R) **7.05** Freesports on 4. **7.30** Freesports on 4. **8.00** Everybody Loves Raymond. (R) **8.30** Everybody Loves Raymond. (R) **9.00** Frasier. (R) **9.30** Frasier. (R) **10.00** Sunday Brunch. **12.15** The Big Bang Theory. (R) **12.45** The Big Bang Theory. (R) **1.15** The Simpsons. (R) **1.45** The Simpsons. (R) **2.20** Film: Bride and Prejudice. (2004) Romantic Bollywood-style comedy, starring Aishwarya Rai and Martin Henderson. **4.30** Film: Bandslam. (2009) Premiere. Musical, starring Gaelan Connell.

6.30 Channel 4 News. **7.00** **4thought.tv.** A short discussion about forgiveness.

7.05 Four Rooms. Items on sale include Winston Churchill's gold dentures. Last in the series.

8.00 Celebrity Deal or No Deal. Katie Price takes part in the game show, trying to guess the value of the mystery boxes and win up to £250,000 for her chosen charity.

9.00 Channel 4's Comedy Gala. Jessie J opens the third annual charity event in aid of Great Ormond Street Hospital, with the line-up also featuring Lee Evans, Michael McIntyre, Jonathan Ross and Keith Lemon.

11.35 The Inbetweeners. The friends go clubbing in London. (R)

12.10 The Inbetweeners. (R) **12.40** Film: Do Dooni Chaar. (2010) Premiere. Comedy drama, starring Rishi Kapoor. **2.35** Hollyoaks. (R) **4.35** Deal or No Deal. (R) **5.30** Countdown. (R)

6.00 Milkshake! Peppa Pig. **6.05** Roary the Racing Car. (R) **6.15** Fifi and the Flowerpots. (R) **6.25** City of Friends. (R) **6.40** Harry and His Bucket Full of Dinosaurs. (R) **6.50** Castle Farm. (R) **6.55** Abby's Flying Fairy School. **7.05** Roobarb and Custard Too. (R) **7.15** Bananas in Pyjamas. (R) **7.25** Family! (R) **7.35** Noddy in Toyland. (R) **7.45** Bert and Ernie's Great Adventures. (R) **7.55** Little Princess. (R) **8.05** Mio Mao. (R) **8.10** The Adventures of Bottle Top Bill and His Best Friend Corky. (R) **8.25** Funky Town. (R) **8.30** Angelina Ballerina. (R) **8.45** Rupert Bear. (R) **8.55** Ben and Holly's Little Kingdom. (R) **9.10** The Mr Men Show. (R) **9.25** Roary the Racing Car. (R) **9.40** The Milkshake! Show. (R) **10.00** Animal Rescue Squad. (R) **10.20** Grey's Anatomy. (R) **11.15** The Restaurant Inspector. (R) **12.15** Film: Murder at the Gallop. (1963)

1.55 Film: Free Willy 2: The Adventure Home. (1995) Family adventure, starring Jason James Richter. **3.45** Film: Tinker Bell and the Great Fairy Rescue. (2010) Animated fantasy, with the voice of Mae Whitman. **5.05** Film: Hercules. (1997) Disney animated adventure, with the voice of Tate Donovan.

6.55 5 News Weekend.

7.00 Cricket on 5.

8.00 Once Upon a Time.

9.00 Norway Massacre: The Survivors.

10.00 FILM: Perfect Stranger.

(2007) Suspense thriller, starring Halle Berry and Bruce Willis. **12.10** The Walking Dead. (R) **1.30** SuperCasino. **4.00** The FBI Files. (R) **4.50** Rough Guide to Eco Escapes. (R) **5.00** Hana's Helpline. (R) **5.10** The Milkshake! Show. (R) **5.35** Thomas & Friends. (R) **5.45** Roary the Racing Car. (R)

ITV2 **4.35** Film: Free Willy (1993) **6.55** Film: Happy Feet (2006) **9.00** Benidorm **10.00** The Only Way Is Essex **10.45** The Exklusives **11.45** Film: The World Is Not Enough (1999)

ITV3 **2.40** The Railway Children **4.40** Wycliffe **5.45** Agatha Christie's Poirot **8.00** Film: Steptoe and Son Ride Again (1973) **10.00** Taggart. The team is drawn into the world of a strict religious sect. Last in the series. **11.00** Cracker

ITV4 **11.00** Live Indian Premier League Cricket. Deccan Chargers v Royal Challengers Bangalore and Rajasthan Royals v Mumbai Indians. **8.00** Film: The Magnificent Seven Ride! (1972) **10.00** Film: A Dangerous Man (2010) **11.55** Film: Coogan's Bluff (1968)

BBC THREE **7.00** World's Craziest Fools. **7.30** England's Worst Ever Football Team **9.00** Family Guy Best Freakin' Top Two **10.00** Family Guy **10.40** American Dad! **11.30** Snog, Marry, Avoid?

BBC FOUR **7.00** Tales of Television Centre **8.30** Hancock **9.00** Film: Mongol: The Rise to Power of Genghis Khan. (2008) Historical drama, starring Tadanobu Asano. **11.00** Timewatch: The Secret History of Genghis Khan **11.50** Barry Manilow at the BBC

E4 **3.55** Glee **4.50** 90210 **5.45** The Big Bang Theory **6.40** Film: Take the Lead (2006) **9.00** Desperate Housewives **11.00** 2 Broke Girls **11.25** Made in Chelsea

FILM4 **1.55** CutThroat Island (1995) **5.20** Nacho Libre (2006) **7.05** Monster-in-Law. (2005) Romantic comedy, starring Jennifer Lopez and Jane Fonda. **9.05** Men in Black. (1997) Sci-fi comedy, starring Will Smith and Tommy Lee Jones. **10.55** The Escapist. (2008) British jail-break thriller, starring Brian Cox.

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BBC1 6.00 Breakfast, 9.15 Fake Britain, 10.00 Homes Under the Hammer; BBC News; Weather, 11.00 Cash in the Attic; BBC News; Weather, 11.45 Bargain Hunt (R) 12.30 Chelsea Flower Show 2012, 1.00 BBC News; Weather, 1.30 Regional News; Weather, 1.45 Doctors, 2.15 Escape to the Country, 3.00 BBC News; Weather; Regional News, 3.05 CBCBC, 5.15 Pointless (R) 6.00 BBC News; Weather, 6.30 Regional News Programmes; Weather, 7.00 The One Show, 7.30 Chelsea Flower Show 2012; BBC News; Weather, 8.00 Antiques Road Trip, 8.30 Eurovision's Dirty Secret, 9.00 Panorama, 9.00 Chatsworth, 10.00 BBC News, 10.25 Regional News; Weather, 10.35 A Question of Sport, 11.05 Sporting Heroes: After the Final Whistle, (R) 11.55 The Graham Norton Show, (R) 12.45 Weatherview, 1.00 Antiques Road Trip, 1.30 Antiques Road Trip, 1.30 Antiques Road Trip, (R) 2.35 Great British Railway Journeys, (R) 3.05 Great British Menu, (R) 3.35 BBC News.

BBC2 6.00 CBeebies. 7.00 CBBC. 8.30 CBeebies. 11.30 BBC World News. 12.00 Daily Politics. 1.00 Hands on Nature. (R) 1.30 Instant Restaurant. (R) 2.15 Weakest Link. (R) 3.00 Her Hunters. (R) 3.45 Hairy Bikers' Best of British. (R) 4.30 Flog It! (R) 5.15 Put Your Money Where Your Mouth Is. (R) 6.00 Eggheads. 6.30 Top of the Pops 2. 8.00 Stripped. 7.30 Great British Bake Off. 9.00 Chelsea Flower Show. 2012. 5.00 The Fall of Singapore: The Great Betrayal. 10.00 Sounds of the 70s 2 Rock – The Boys Are Back in Town. 10.30 Newsnight; Weather. 11.20 The Lost World of the Seventies. (R) 12.20 BBC News. 3.15 The Super League Show. 4.00 BBC Learning Zone.

TV4 6.00 Daybreak. 8.30 Lorraine. 9.25 The Jeremy Kyle Show. 10.30 This Morning. 12.30 Loose Women. 1.30 ITV News; Weather. 1.55 Regional News; Weather. 2.00 60 Minute Makeover. 3.00 Dickinson's Real Deal. (F) 3.59 Regional Weather. 4.00 Midlands Murders. (F) 5.00 The 6.00 News. 6.00 Real News. 6.30 ITV News; Weather. 7.00 Emmerdale. 7.30 Coronation Street. 8.00 The Dales. 8.30 Coronation Street. 9.00 56 Up. 10.00 ITV News at Ten; Weather. 10.30 Regional News; Weather. 11.00 The 11.00 News. 11.25 The Big Red One, starring Sir Roger and Katherine Heigl. 11.45 Jackpot247. ITV News Headlines. 3.00 Champions League Weekly. 3.25 ITV Nightscreen. 4.35 The Jeremy Kyle Show. (F) 5.30 ITV Morning News.

Channel 4 6.15 *The Hoobs*, (R) 6.40 *The Hoobs*, (R) 7.05 *Freshly Squeezed*, 7.35 *According to Jim*, (R) 8.00 *Everybody Loves Raymond*, (R) 8.30 *Frasier*, (R) 9.00 *Undercover Boss Australia*, (R) 10.00 *Survivor: The Contender*, (R) 11.00 *Renovation Game*, 12.00 *Channel 4 News Midday Summary*, 12.05 *SuperScrimpers*: Top 10 Money-Saving Tips, (R) 1.05 *River Cottage Bites*, (R) 1.10 *Film*: *One Million Years BC*, (1966) *Hammer*, 3.00 *Countdown*, 4.00 *Deal or No Deal*, 5.00 *Eine with Me*, (R) 6.00 *The Simpsons*, (R) 6.30 *Hollyoaks*, 7.00 *Channel 4 News*, 7.55 *Channel 4 Presents*, 8.00 *Beating the Recession - Cash vs Cards*: *Channel 4 Dispatches*, 8.30 *Gok Cook*, 9.00 *Deal or No Deal*, 9.30 *Survivor: The Contender*, 10.00 *Ramsay's Kitchen Nightmares USA*, 11.05 *8 Out of 10 Cats Uncut*, 11.55 *4thought* tv, 12.00 *Random Acts*, (R) 12.05 *The Hoarder* *Next Door*, (R) 1.05 *Film*: *Kyal Gatha*, (1989) 2.50 *Film*: *Faintheart*, (1944) 4.15 *Belcom*, (R) 4.45 *Fishmonger*, (R) 5.00 *Deal or No Deal*, 5.30 *Fishmonger*, (R) 5.45 *Deal or No Deal*, (R) 6.00

Channel 5 6.00 Milkshake! 9.15 The Wright Stuff, 11.10 LIVE with, 12.10 5 News Lunchtime, 12.15 Highland Emergency, (R) 12.45 Mexican Food Made Simple, (R) 1.15 Home and Away, 1.45 Neighbours, 2.15 The Mentalist, (R) 3.15 Film: Murder in Greenwich, (2002) 5.00 5 News at 5, 5.30 Neighbours, (R) 6.00 Home and Away, (R) 6.30 5 News at 6.30, 7.00 Cricket on 5; 5 News Update, 8.00 The Gadget Show: World Tour, 5 News at 9, 9.00 Robson's Extreme Fishing Challenge, 10.00 The Walking Dead, 10.55 Film: Shrooms, (2007) 12.35 The World of Stupid Criminals, (R) 1.05 SuperCasino, 3.55 House Doctor, (R)

Tuesday

BBC1 6.00 Breakfast. 9.15 Fake Britain. 10.00 Homes Under the Hammer; (R) BBC News; Weather. 11.00 Cash in the Attic; BBC News; Weather. 11.45 Bargain Hunt. (R) 12.30 The One Show. 2.10 BBC News; Weather. 1.30 Regional News; Weather. 1.45 Doctors. 2.15 Escape to the Country. (R) 3.00 BBC News; Weather; Regional News; Weather. 3.30 Regional News; Weather. 6.30 Regional News Programmes; Weather. 7.00 The One Show. 7.30 EastEnders; BBC News; Regional News. 8.00 Holly City. 9.00 Sky 1. 10.00 BBC News. 10.25 Regional News; Weather. 10.50 Regional News; Weather. Lucas Awards. 11.00 Film: Ghost Town. (2008) Comedy, starring Ricky Gervais. 12.50 Weatherview. 12.55 Sign Zone: The Apprentice. 1.15 The Apprentice. 1.40 The Apprentice. 3.40 Great British Railway Journeys. (R) 4.00 Great British Menu. (R) 4.40 BBC News.

BBC2 6.00 CBeebies, 7.00 CBBC, 8.30 CBeebies, 11.30 BBC World News, 12.00 Daily Politics, 1.00 Hands on Nature, (R) 1.30 Instant Restaurant, (R) 2.15 Weakest Link, (R) 3.00 Heir Hunters, (R) 3.45 Hairy Bikers' Best of British, (R) 4.30 Flog It!, (R) 5.15 Put Your Money Where Your Mouth Is, (R) 6.00 Eggheads, 6.55 News, 7.20, 7.30 Great British Menu, 8.00 Chelsea Flower Show, 9.00 Great Ormond Street, 10.00 Later Live - with Jools Holland, 10.30 Newsnight; Weather, 11.20 The Great Euro Crash with Robert Peston, (R) 12.20 BBC News, 4.00 BBC Learning Zone.

ITV1 6.00 Daybreak. 8.30 Lorraine. 9.25 The Jeremy Kyle Show. 10.30 This Morning. 12.30 Loose Women. 1.30 ITV News. Weather. 1.55 Regional News; Weather. 2.00 60 Minute Makeover. 3.00 Dickinson's Real Deal. (R) 3.59 Regional Weather. 4.00 Midsomer Murders. (R) 5.00 The Chase. 6.00 Regional News; Weather. 6.30 ITV News; Weather. 7.00 Emmerdale. 7.30 Trash to Treasure. 8.00 Martin Clunes - Horsepower. (R) 9.00 Dirty Harry. 10.00 ITV News. 10.30 Regional News; Weather. 11.00 Weather. 10.35 Celebrity Juice. 11.20 Nature's Fury: Fire Storm. (R) 12.15 Jackpot247; ITV News Headlines. 3.30 Loose Women. (R) 3.50 ITV Nightscreen. 5.00 ITV Morning News.

Channel 4 6.10 Salì Mali, (R) 15 The Hoobs, (R) 6.40 The Hoobs.
(R) 7.05 Freshly Squeezed, 7.35 According to Jim, (R) 8.00 Everybody Loves Raymond, (R) 8.30 The Contender, (R) 9.00 The Bill Engvall Show, (R) 9.30 Location, Location, Location, (R) 11.00 The Renovation Game, 12.00 Channel 4 News Midday Summary, 12.15 SuperScrippers: Waste Not Want Not, (R) 12.45 The Bill Engvall Show Film: How to Steal a Million, (1966) Crime comedy, starring Audrey Hepburn and Peter O'Toole, 3.30 Countdown, 4.00 Deal or No Deal, 5.00 Come What May, 5.30 The Bill Engvall Show, 6.00 Hollywoods, 7.00 Channel 4 News, 7.55 Channel 4 Presents, 8.00 Embarrassing Bodies: Live from the Clinic, 9.00 Hidden Talent, 10.00 My Big Fat Gypsy Wedding, 10.30 The Bill Engvall Show, 11.40thoughtv, 12.10 Random Acts, (R) 12.15 Poker, 1.20 KOTV Boxing Weekly, 1.45 Sailing: America's Cup Uncovered, 2.15 The Grid, (R) 2.40 British Soap Awards, 3.15 The Bill Engvall Show Encounters of the Sporting Mind: Golf, (R) 4.05 Road to London 2012: Paralympics Extra, The British wheelchair rugby team prepares for the Rio 2016 Paralympic Games, 4.30 The Bill Engvall Show: Ma Bar, (R) 5.15 Deal or No Deal, (R)

Channel 5 **6.00** Milkshake **9.15** The Wright Stuff. **11.00** LIVE with **12.10** 5 News Lunchtime. **12.15** Highland Emergency. (R) **12.45** Mexican Food Made Simple. (R) **1.15** Home and Away. **1.45** Neighbours. **2.15** Law & Order. (R) **3.15** Film: Murder 101: The Movie. **3.45** Go Movie: The Matrix starring Dick Van Dyke. **5.00** 5 News. **5.30** Neighbours. (R) **6.00** Home and Away. (R) **6.30** 5 News at 6.30. **7.00** Dirty Great Machines. (R) **5** News Update. **8.00** War Hero in My Family. **5** News at 9. **9.00** CSI: Crime Scene Investigation. **9.30** The Mentalist. **10.00** CSI: Miami assassinating... **10.00** CSI: NY. (R) **10.55** CSI: NY. (R) **11.55** CSI: Miami. (R) **12.50** SuperCano. **3.55** House Doctor. (R) **4.20** Nick's Quest. (R)

Wednesday

BBC1 6.00 Breakfast, 9.15 Faking Britain.
10.00 Homes Under the Hammer;
BBC News; Weather, 11.00 Cash in
the Attic; BBC News; Weather, 11.45 Bargain Hunt.
R 12.30 The Big Bang Theory, 2.00 50th Anniversary
News; Weather, 1.30 Regional News; Weather,
1.45 Doctors, 2.15 Escape to the Country, (R) 3.00
BBC News; Weather; Regional News, 3.05 CBBC.
5.15 Antiques, 6.00 BBC News; Weather, 6.30
Regional News; Programmes, 7.00 The Big
One Show, 7.30 Chelsea Flower Show 2012; BBC
News; Regional News, 8.00 DIY SOS: The Big
Build, 9.00 The Apprentice, 10.00 BBC News.
10.25 Regional News; Weather, 10.35
The Big One Show, Wednesday Night Drawn, 10.45
Film: Surrogates, (2009) Premiere, Sci-fi thriller,
starring Bruce Willis; National Lottery update.
12.10 Weatherview, 12.15 Sign Zone: See Hear,
12.15 The Big One Show, 1.00 BBC News.
R 2.45 Chaplains' Angels of Mersey, (R) 3.15
Postcode Lottery, (R) 4.00 Great British Menu, 4.30
BBC News.

BBC2 6.00 CBeebies, 7.00 CBBC, 8.30 CBeebies, 11.30 Daily Politics, 1.00 See Hear, 1.30 LifeLine, (R) 1.40 Coast, (R) 1.45 Hands on Nature, (R) 2.15 Weakest Link, (R) 3.00 Heir Hunters, (R) 3.45 Hair Bikers' Best of British, (R) 4.30 Flog It! (R) 5.15 Put Your Money Where Your Mouth Is, (R) 6.00 Eggheads, 6.30 TOTP2, 7.30 Great British Menu, 8.00 Chelsea Flower Show, 2012, 9.00 Hitler's Children, 10.00 The Apprentice: You're Fired, 10.30 Newsnight, Weather, 11.20 The Fall of Singapore: The Great Betrayal, 12.20 BBC News, 3.55 BBC Learning Zone.

TV1 6.00 Daybreak, 8.30 Lorraine, 9.25 The Jeremy Kyle Show, 10.30 This Morning, 12.30 Loose Women, 1.30 ITV News, Weather, 1.55 Regional News: Weather, 2.00 60 Minutes Makeover, 3.00 Dickinson's Real Deal, 3.15 The Restaurant, 3.30 The Restaurant: My Kitchen Rules, 4.00 The Chase, 5.00 Newsnight, 5.30 News, 6.30 ITV News, Weather, 7.00 Emmerdale, 7.30 The Unforgettable Dudley Moore, 8.00 Lewis, 10.00 ITV News at Ten, Weather, 10.30 Regional News: Weather, 10.35 Soccer Aid 2012, 11.05 The Big Bang Theory, 11.30 The Bill, 11.55 Emergency (R), 12.35 Jackpot247, 1.30 ITV News Headlines, 2.35 Film: The Three Musketeers, 4.73) Shashtabucking adventure, starring Michael York, 4.25 ITV Nightscreen, 5.30 ITV News.

Channel 4 **6.40** The Hoobs **7.05**
Raymond (R) **8.30** Freshly Squeezed **7.35**
According to Jim (R) **8.00** Everybody Loves
Raymond (R) **8.30** Freshly Squeezed (R)
Boss (Australia) (R) **10.00** Location, Location,
Location (R) **11.00** The Renovation Game **12.00**
Channel 4 News **Midday Summary** **12.05**
Channel 4 News **Midday Summary** **12.05**
River Cottage Bites (R) **12.50** Film: Helen of Troy
(1956) **3.05** Channel 4 Presents - Oscar Playlist
"Blade Runner" (R) **3.10** Countdown **4.00** Deal or
No Deal (R) **5.55** Come Dine With Me (R)
The Simpsons (R) **6.00** Channel 4 News
News **7.55** Channel 4 Presents **8.00** Street
Eaters **9.00** 24 Hours in A&E **10.00** The Killing
10.55 2 Broke Girls **11.55** Desperate Housewives
12.00 Channel 4 News **12.30** The 12
Paralympic World Cup Highlights **1.35** Music on 4:
Spotlight **1.50** Music on 4: Dot Rotter **Intro** **2.05**
Music on 4: 4-Play: Gaz Coombes **2.15** Music on 4:
Mercury Prize Sessions (R) **2.40** Music on 4:
Launched at Red Bull Studios (R) **2.50** What's
Futur? (R) **2.55** Elsewhere (R) **3.45** Smallville
(R) **4.30** Deal or No Deal **5.55** Countdown (R)

Channel 5 6.00 Milkshake! 9.15 The
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with 12.10 5 News Lunchtime. 12.15 Highland
Emergency. (R) 12.45 Mexican Food Made
Simple. (R) 1.15 Home and Away. 1.45 Neighbours.
2.15 Law & Order. (R) 3.15 Film: Abducted. (2007)
5.00 5 News at 5. 5.30 Neighbours. (R) 6.00
Home and Away. (R) 6.30 5 News at 6.30. 7.00
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Emergency Bikers; 5 News at 9. 9.00 NCIS. 10.00
Law & Order: Special Victims Unit. (R) 11.00 Law
& Order: Special Victims Unit. (R) 11.55 Poker:
The Big Game. 12.50 SuperCasino.

Thursday

BBC1 6.00 Breakfast, 9.15 Fake Britain, 10.00 Homes Under the Hammer; (R) BBC News; Weather, 11.00 Cash in the Attic, 12.00 News; Weather, 11.45 Bargain Hunt, (R) 1.00 Channel 4, 1.05 The Big Bang, 1.30 BBC News; Weather, 1.30 Regional News; Weather, 1.45 Doctors, 2.15 Escape to the Country, 3.00 BBC News; Weather; Regional News, 3.15 CBBC, 3.30 CBBC News; Weather, 6.30 Regional News Programmes; Weather, 7.00 The One Show, 7.30 EastEnders; BBC News; Regional News, 8.00 Planet Earth Live, 8.00 National Treasures - Jubilee Special, 8.15 The Big Bang, 8.30 The Big Bang, 8.45 10.35 Question Time, 11.35 This Week, 12.00 Holiday Weatherview, 12.25 Sign Zone; Eurovision's Dirty Secret - Panorama, (R) 12.55 The Big Bang, 1.00 The Big Bang, 1.05 The Big Bang, 1.10 The Big Bang, 1.15 The Big Bang, 1.20 The Big Bang, 1.25 The Big Bang, 1.30 The Big Bang, 1.35 The Big Bang, 1.40 The Big Bang, 1.45 The Big Bang, 1.50 The Big Bang, 1.55 The Big Bang, 2.00 The Big Bang, 2.05 The Big Bang, 2.10 The 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BBC2 6.00 CBeebies, 700 CBBC, 8.30 CBeebies, 11.30 BBC World News, 12.00 Daily Politics, 1.00 Hands on Nature, (R) 3.10 Instant Restaurant, (R) 2.15 Weakest Link, (R) 3.30 Her Hunters, (R) 3.45 Hairy Bikers' Best of British, (R) 4.30 Flog It!, (R) 5.15 Put Your Money Where Your Mouth Is, (R) 6.00 Egsheads, 6.30 Top of the Pops, 7.00 Stripped, 7.20 Eat This, 7.30 Chelsea, 8.00 The Big Show 2011, 9.00 The Fish Market: Inside Billingsgate, 10.00 Grandma's House, 10.30 Newsnight, Weather, 11.20 Golf: The PGA Championship, 12.20 BBC News, 4.00 BBC Learning Zone.

TV11 6.00 Daybreak. 8.30 Lorraine. 9.25 The Jeremy Kyle Show. 10.30 This Morning. 12.30 Loose Women. 1.30 ITV News; Weather. 1.55 Regional News; Weather. 2.00 60 Minute Makeover. 3.00 Dickinson's Real Deal. 4.00 The Big Bang Theory. 5.00 The Chase. 6.00 Regional News; Weather. 6.30 ITV News; Weather. 7.00 Emmerdale. 7.30 Police Power: Tonight. 8.00 Emmerdale. 8.30 Coronation Street. 9.00 The Big Bang Theory. 9.30 Regional News; Weather. 10.00 Regional News; Weather. 10.35 Soccer Aid 2012. 11.05 Piers Morgan's Life Stories: Lulu. 1.12.20 Jackpot 24/7: ITV News Headlines. 2.35 Police Power: Tonight. 3.00 ITV Nightscreen. 4.00 The Jeremy Kyle Show. 5.30 ITV Morning News.

Channel 4 10.00 *Sail Mail*. (R) 6.15 *The Hoobs*. (R) 6.40 *The Hoobs*. (R) 7.05 *Freshly Squeezed*. 7.35 *According to Jim*. (R) 8.00 *Everybody Loves Raymond*. (R) 8.30 *Frasier*. (R) 9.00 *Undercover Boss Australia*. (R) 10.00 *Location, Location, Location*. (R) 11.00 *How the Grinch Stole Christmas*. (R) 11.30 *Midday Summary*. 12.05 *SuperScrimpers: Waste Not Want Not*. (R) 12.35 *River Cottage Bites*. 12.50 *Film: Mr Hobbs Takes a Vacation*. (1962) Comedy, starring James Stewart and Maureen O'Hara. 1.00 *How the Grinch Stole Christmas*. 5.00 *Come Dine with Me*. (R) 6.00 *The Simpsons*. (R) 6.30 *Hollyoaks*. 7.00 *Channel 4 News*. 7.55 *Channel 4 Presents*. 8.00 *Phil Spencer: Secret Agent*. 9.00 *The Hoarder Next Door*. 10.00 *24*. (R) 10.30 *24*. 11.00 *24*. 11.30 *24*. 12.05 *4thoughttv*. 12.10 *Random Acts*. (R) 12.15 *Paralympic World Cup Highlights*. 1.15 *Extreme A&E*. (R) 2.10 *Unreported World*. (R) 2.35 *Beating the Recession - Cash vs Cards*. 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Friday

BBC1 6.00 Breakfast. 9.15 Fake Britain. 10.00 Homes Under the Hammer. BBC News; Weather. 11.00 Cash in the Attic. (R) BBC News; Weather. 11.45 Bargain Hunt. (R) 12.30 The One Show. BBC News; Weather. 1.30 Regional News. BBC News; Weather. 1.45 Doctors. 2.15 Escape to the Country. (R) 3.00 BBC News; Weather; Regional News. 3.30 CBBC. 5.15 The News. 5.40 The One Show. BBC News; Weather. 6.30 Regional News. Programmes. Weather. 7.00 The One Show; BBC News; Regional News. 8.00 EastEnders. 8.30 Would I Lie to You? 9.00 Have I Got News for You. 9.30 The One Show. BBC News; Weather. 10.00 BBC News. 10.25 Regional News; Weather. 10.35 The Graham Norton Show. 11.20 The National Lottery Friday Night Draws. 11.30 The Matt Lucas Award. (R) 11.55 EastEnders. BBC News; Weather. 12.30 The One Show. (R) 1.00 Question Time. 1.25 Big Brother. (R) 2.00 The One Show. (R) 2.05 Great British Menu. (R) 4.35 BBC News.

BBC2 6.00 CBeebies. 7.00 CBBC. 8.30 CBeebies. 11.30 BBC World News. 12.00 Daily Politics. 1.00 Hands on Nature. (R) 1.30 Island Restaurant. (R) 2.15 Weakest Link. (R) 3.00 The Hunted. (R) 3.45 The Big Fishers' Best of British. (R) 4.30 Flog It! (R) 5.15 Put Your Money Where Your Mouth Is. (R) 6.00 Eggheads. 6.30 Top of the Pops 2 - Stripped. 7.30 Great British Menu. 8.00 Chelsea Flower Show 2012. 9.00 The Great British Show: A People's History. 10.00 Episodes. 10.30 Newsnight. 11.00 Weather. 11.05 Golf: The PGA Championship. 12.05 Later with Jools Holland. 1.10 Taken. (R) 2.35 BBC News. 4.40 Close.

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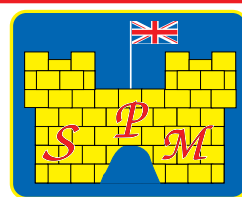
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Big Cat looking set to stay ahead of the field

EXECUTIVE express is a phrase often used to describe a fast, luxury saloon used to waft businessmen, celebrities and royalty from meeting to meeting.

Jaguar has always been there with the top of the range German marques, but its latest version of the multi-award winning XJ saloon is out to beat the best in this exclusive class.

The ultimate XJ has a top speed of 174mph and a 0 to 60mph sprint time of a fraction over four and a half seconds. And it does it in style without any sacrifice in terms of comfort or luxury for its inevitably well-heeled owners.

The fastest Jaguar saloon in history comes in at a cool £94,000, but for that you get a car which is distinctively styled, standing apart from its stablemates, and can match or better the likes of the BMW 740, the Mercedes-Benz S-Class and the Bentley Continental. All, by the way, which have an extra four cylinders and greater cubic capacity than the Midlands-built machine – and they use more fuel, too.

By Sharon Walters

The Jag's power plant is the same 5.0-litre V8 with 510bhp as the company's quickest two-seater, the XKR-S, thanks to the extra boost of a supercharger.

Jaguar's secret is the XJ's lightweight aluminium construction, which is not only the key to its rapid acceleration but also its sports car-like agility and braking (plus saving you a bit in tyre wear, too).

Nervous

In conditions wet enough to make me nervous on the motorway trip to Jaguar's Warwickshire test track, the XJ performed superbly – reaching 168mph on the straight and braking so rapidly I almost slide forward under the seat belt.

I was in the executive armchairs in the rear, with a professional test driver in front. From this perspective the car is very little different in terms of quiet, comfortable progress until the driver pressed the "sport" button (sharpening up throttle response and reconfiguring the six-speed

automatic) gearbox, and the "dynamic" button which stiffens up the suspension.

The push-you-back-in-the-seat acceleration is impressive, and even after the 60mph mark comes up in 4.7 seconds there is little let up, the digits continuing to climb rapidly until well past 140mph.

Access to the test track's straight comes via a 180-degree right hander, taken at about 70mph. While I could do little to prevent the building g-forces from pushing my upper body to one side, the car clung to its line as if it was on rails, with no hint of under or oversteer.

It was equally stable under what equated to emergency braking at the end of the straight.

The ultimate XJ varies little from the standard luxury saloon, but visible differences include a small "lip" spoiler at the rear, an aerodynamic splitter at the front and new, 20-in alloys wheels. Behind them are the

larger brake discs, with exclusive red calipers.

This is the "sport" pack available as an option on other XJ models. Only the supercharged 5.0-litre car comes with the option of the "speed" pack, which essentially means Jaguar has tweaked the standard electronic speed limiter (set at 153mph on other versions) and added new soft grain leather sports seats and upgraded interior trim.

The XJ "speed" also has a distinctive black mesh grille and some of its instru-

ments had to be recalibrated, such as the tyre pressure monitoring system to take account of the heat generated by high speed driving.

It's a heady mixture: a car which more than holds its own in the world of sophisticated, luxury saloons yet outperforms many rivals classed as sports cars. It's a class-leading car which has already given Britain's export trade a boost, and shown that Jaguar is not afraid to take on its competitors head-on.



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Villa hunt boss as McLeish given axe

ASTON VILLA are hunting for a new manager after sacking Alex McLeish.

The axe fell on Monday following a difficult season which saw the club finish just two points clear of the relegation slots.

Villa are thought to be interested in Roberto Martinez of Wigan and Norwich City's Paul Lambert.

Club owner Randy Lerner wants a dynamic, young and hungry replacement.

One potential candidate who can be effectively ruled out is former Liverpool boss Rafael Benitez, who had been a contender to replace Gerard Houllier last year.

McLeish was subjected to vitriolic abuse from the Villa fans after the final game of the season, a 2-0 loss at Norwich.

McLeish had admitted that the season had been his toughest in management.

He said: "It's been a hell of a challenge for me as a manager and I've done my utmost and my best, trying to think left field at times, when we needed results."

"In the end, we got over the line, so you have to say it was a big test for me as a manager. But I've had to pull out all the stops because it's as tough as it's ever been."

Amblecote are handed heavy loss

Amblecote & Wollaston (Opts) 61 all out, Claverley (20pts) 62-2. Claverley won by eight wickets.

AMBLECOTE & Wollaston suffered a heavy defeat at Claverley.

After losing the toss Amblecote were put into bat on what looked like a tricky Claverley wicket.

None of their batsmen got going at all and the visitors were dismissed for a dismal 61. Ryan Mills bowled well for Claverley taking 5-15.

Amblecote were unlucky not to take more wickets in the home team's reply, but defending 61 was a very tough ask.

The returning Mo Ramzan picked up both wickets as Claverley reached their target in the 12th over.

A&W travel to Stourbridge next week hoping to fare better with the bat and kick-start their season.

The seconds host Ross-on-Wye.



From left, Lions thirds captain John Slim, seconds skipper Mike Dyson, Darell Shaw of Midlands Freewheelers, club secretary Hugh Jenkins and Matthew Williams, Saxons wing and community development manager

Charity clash of Titans

STOURBRIDGE rugby club's amateur sides are to close the season with a special charity match.

The game tomorrow has been billed as the Clash of the Titans and pitches the Stourbridge Lions second team, the Greyhounds, against the thirds, the Grasshoppers.

Although bragging rights will be at stake, the club is also out to raise funds for two good causes.

The teams will take to the field aiming to raise vital funds in support of the town's Mary Stevens Hospice and the Midlands Freewheelers.

The Freewheelers are a volunteer force of motorcyclists who transport vital medical equipment and are known as the 'Blood Bikers'.

The Greyhounds will be looking to avenge last season's surprise 21-15 defeat at the hands of the Grasshoppers and both sides will also be looking to

Stourbridge rugby

surpass last season's charity proceeds when more than £2,300 was raised for Birmingham Children's Hospital.

Both teams will take to the field in their new sponsored kits with all proceeds from the shirt sales, gate receipts and the raffle going to the charity funds. The usual raffle prizes have been augmented by the donation of a signed England rugby shirt by Stourbridge RFC.

The fun starts at 6.30pm, with refreshments available all night followed by free post game entertainment from local live band, Acoustic Jukeboxx.

For more information contact the club on 01384 395000 or John Slim on 07989 786913.

Seconds suffer at hands of Coventry

Stourbridge (1pt) 101, Coventry & North Warwick (20pts) 102-3. Coventry and NW won by seven wickets.

Stourbridge's seconds suffered a heavy defeat away to Coventry and North Warwick.

They were put in to bat and could manage only a poor 101 all out in the 40th over.

Young star Ali Shah top-scored with 37 in tricky conditions. Jaspal Phull took 5-33 in his 10 overs.

It took the home side just 20 overs to reach the winning target, losing three wickets along the way.

Adam Simpson battled away for 65 to take his side to a convincing win.

Sixteen-year-old Shah, who had made such a good impression with the bat, also left his mark with the ball.

The pacy opener took 2-16 off six overs.

Old Elizabethans 187, Stourbridge 145. Old Elizabethans won by 42 runs

Stourbridge thirds lost their first match of the season, despite a stellar 4-8 by Will Jennings.

Curiously, the other six bowlers used by Stourbridge all took one wicket apiece with the exception of Heron Patel – and he got the other batsman courtesy of a run out.

Stourbridge skipper Keith Lister won the toss and put the opposition in, hoping for help from the pitch.

Old Elizabethans were bowled out for 187 in the final over with Emil Martyr (41) and Nick McPherson (52) making the biggest contributions for their side.

In reply, Stourbridge found the first change bowler David Donaldson challenging.

They were eventually bowled out 42 runs shy in the 43rd over.

Donaldson finished with figures of 7-43.

Old Elizabethans 131-6 Stourbridge 118-8. Draw

The fourths hosted their counterparts from Old Elizabethans and took a losing draw from a tight match.

Skipper Pete Griffiths was pleased to see an opposition low score of 131-6 from 45 overs, Old Elizabethans' skipper Nick Pullan top-scoring with 41.

Stourbridge struggled in reply and could make only 118-8 off their 45-over allotment.

Opener Farkhan U1 Haque did more than anyone to stave off defeat, carrying his bat for 53.

Rich pickings as Spoor heads up golden tally

STOURBRIDGE Swimming Club's Rich Spoor put in a stunning performance at the Worcester county championships, winning seven senior titles.

Spoor struck in the 50metre, 100m and 200m breaststroke. He also triumphed in three freestyle distances – 50m, 100m and 400m – as well as the 200m individual medley. Some 64 swimmers from the club took part in the four-day event, producing 275 personal bests.

Spoor was not the only club member to emerge with gold in the four-day event, split between the Wolverhampton and Worcester baths.

Backstroke star Britt Horton took the senior 100m and 200m backstroke and the junior crowns at 100m and 200m backstroke with teammate Becki Cole winning the senior backstroke events at 100m and 200m along with the 200m individual medley.

Scott Allin was another backstroke winner, taking the 200m senior crown.

Butterfly
Junior championship titles went to Nat Dingley in the 100m butterfly and 400m freestyle and Tom McCallum in 100m butterfly.

In addition, there were 40 age group gold medalists. Tom McCallum took nine golds, in 100m, 200m and 400m individual medley; 50m, 100m and 200m butterfly and 50m, 100m and 200m breaststroke.

Spoor took seven – the same events in which he grabbed senior gold.

Nat Dingley had five

Swimming

golds: 50m, 400m and 800m freestyle, 100m and 200m butterfly while Becki Cole – 100m and 200m backstroke; 100m and 200m freestyle; and 200m individual medley

Four golds went to Horton – 50m, 100m and 200m backstroke and 50m freestyle – and three to Alex Westwood in 50m, 100m and 200m backstroke.

There was a gold apiece for Sam Tromans in 100m individual medley; Ed Maycock for the 200m breaststroke; Lauren Sanders, 100m backstroke; Ellie Wood, 50m freestyle; Allin, 200m backstroke; Alex Price, 50m breaststroke and Adam Horton in the 800m freestyle.

Head coach Stew Nicklin, said: "We have an amazing team, but we are not just about winning medals and trophies. I'm so proud of each and every one of them."

Stourbridge Swimming Club is looking for new members aged six or over.

Call Stew Nicklin on 07834 689178 or visit www.stourswim.co.uk

French rugby festival success for under-15s



Stourbridge face the camera after their Challenge Cup win in the international festival of rugby at Arras

STOURBRIDGE under-15s enjoyed trophy success when they competed in the French international festival of Rugby at Arras.

The tournament in north-east France attracted teams from all over Britain as well as some continental representation.

With 12 teams split into two leagues of six, there were three trophies up for grabs – Cup, Challenge Cup and

Bowl. Stourbridge had a testing time on day one, against Neath School, Ealing Trailfinders and London Scottish A. After a win and two defeats, they prepared for day two following a visit to World War One trenches and a ceremonial wreath-laying at the Commonwealth war graves cemetery.

Stourbridge then beat Wilslow 10-5 and drew 5-5 against Clevedon.

That put them into the Challenge

Cup semi-final against Mumbles, which ended scoreless.

Stour progressed on the toss of a coin and met Wilslow in the final.

There were no points in the first half, but Stourbridge upped their game in the second period and scored three tries to win 15-0 and put them in good heart for the weekend's North Midlands plate final at Droitwich which, however, they lost 34-27.

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New boss is gamble, concedes Morgan

WOLVES have unveiled little-known Norwegian Stale Solbakken as their new manager – with chairman Steve Morgan admitting the appointment is a gamble.

But Morgan has insisted the former Norway international will prove a hit in the Molineux hot-seat.

The multi-millionaire believes his choice, who won five Danish Superliga titles in six years at Copenhagen, is a risk that can pay off handsomely.

"It's always a gamble – of course it is, when you appoint any new manager – but we don't believe that just because he's not well known in England, that it's a problem," said Morgan.

"He's a veteran of the Champions League, he has won lots of silverware as a player and as a manager, and of course he will have money to spend."

Wolves are planning two backroom appointments under the new boss. They plan to have a European-style sporting director – called a "football development director" – and an assistant coach, expected to be Solbakken's long-term assistant Bård Wigen.

Solbakken confirmed: "I trust the guys already here but I want to add one or two new people. It's too early to say who I will bring."

Solbakken was forced to retire from playing in 2001 when he had a cardiac arrest on the training pitch when he was at Copenhagen, but insists he is fit.

Glassboys' trial dates announced

STOURBRIDGE FC have announced a series of trials for potential players.

They cover teams from under-12 to under-14 for boys as well as an under-15 girls side.

Under-12A Boys, Saturday Midland Junior Premier League. May 26, 2-4pm at Old Halesonians Rugby Club. Manager: Neil Conlon (07837 419711).

Under-12B Boys, Sunday Stourbridge League. May 19, 10.30am-12.30pm at Thornes Park. Manager: Phil Hope (07411 321064).

Under-13B Boys, Sunday Stourbridge League. No trials, contact if interested. Manager: Dave Green (07971 640676).

Under-14A Boys, Saturday Midland Junior Premier League. May 27, 2-4pm at Old Halesonians Rugby Club. Manager: Darren Taylor (07734 132457).

Under-15 Girls, Sunday Central Warwick League. May 26 and June 16, 10am-noon at Old Halesonians Rugby Club. Manager: Sue Skitt (email skittsk@aol.com).



Erik Gundersen is returning to meet Heathens fans
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Erik's on the way to meet fans

ERIK GUNDERSEN, Cradley Heath's all-time greatest speedway rider, is to return to the Black Country to meet his fans this summer.

The triple world champion, voted the club's best ever in an online poll, will be at the Venue Conference and Banqueting Centre in Dudley on Friday, July 20.

The Dane, who saw his career ended in a horror crash at Bradford back in 1989, made 450 appearances for the Heathens and scored almost 5,000 points.

Dudley Heathens

A special 'Evening with Erik Gundersen' has been arranged by the club and the Heathens Speedway Supporters Club and organisers are expecting a sell-out audience.

Chairman Nigel Pearson said: "Erik is a true icon throughout the Black Country and throughout the world of Speedway."

"I spoke to him last week to finalise things and he was buzzing about coming back to the area where he spent so much of his racing

career. He can still speak with a bit of a Black Country accent.

"It's going to be a very emotional night because every Cradley supporter will want to be there."

"Erik was not only a wonderful rider but he was also fantastic with supporters and after all this time he still holds a place in people's hearts."

"Jan O Pedersen came back to the area last July and Greg Hancock returned to Dudley in March and both were knocked out by the welcome they received. Erik can look forward to something similar."

There will be a VIP reception with Gundersen in the Ednam Suite at 7pm with tickets, restricted to 50, priced at £25 each. General admission tickets are available at £10 with the event starting at 8.30pm.

Tickets can be purchased at the club's online shop at www.dudley-heathens.co or by sending a cheque payable to HSSC, 2 Caernarvon Way, Dudley, West Midlands, DY1 2TR.

Dudley stage their opening home National League meeting of the season against King's Lynn at Monmore Green on Tuesday.

Pearce is battler to score his third win

STOURBRIDGE boxer Steven Pearce will move on to box on a televised bill after picking up his third straight victory since turning professional.

"Fierce Pearce" kept his cool to see off Liam Griffiths at Walsall Town Hall last Saturday night and next competes on the BoxNation bill at Wolverhampton Civic Hall on Friday June 22.

The 27-year-old welterweight won by 40-35 against Griffiths, who was docked a point for excessive holding by the referee, Wolverhampton's Gareth Morris, in the last of their four rounds.

Pearce was keen to fight while Griffiths was content to sit back but he took the first shot of the fight, a stiff right hook to his ribcage.

Then Pearce's right uppercut met the jaw of Griffiths as both got in close.

Pressure was applied on Griffiths as Pearce again came on strong in the last round and left his opponent hanging on, for which he was eventually punished.

It was another awkward test for Pearce, who was supposed to fight fellow comeback fighter Mark Bett, but the former Cradley Heath ABC amateur remains undefeated.

For more information and tickets, call the box office on 0870 320 7000 or promoter Paul 'PJ' Rowson on 07976 283 157.

Woffinden hurt in track smash

WOLVES face a fresh speedway injury headache after Tai Woffinden broke the scaphoid bone in his right wrist.

Woffinden was brought down during the Gary Peterson Memorial event at Monmore Green on Monday and will be out for weeks.

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EIGHT-WICKET WIN KEEPS BALL ROLLING

Coleshill (1pt) 121, Stourbridge (20pts) 126-2.
Stourbridge won by eight wickets

STOURBRIDGE firsts took their third consecutive victory of the season to stay top of Division Three of the Birmingham League.

They romped to an eight-wicket win against bottom side Coleshill to maintain their lead at the head of the table.

Stourbridge skittled their opponents for just 121 as Matt Bradley cut a swathe through the opposition batsmen with six wickets and then coasted to the victory target.

Stourbridge skipper Richard Bradley won the toss and chose to bowl first on a pitch likely to offer assistance.

Coleshill's openers coped well, both with the conditions and the accurate seam attack from Bradley and Jitesh Patel.

But Bradley made the first breakthrough, having Toby Swift caught for eight with the total on 21.

Bradley went on to claim five more wickets to put his side in the driving seat.

Partnership

He bowled David Brown and Phil Trillo for five and six respectively, had opener Carl Bland caught for 21 and dismissed Daniel Bates lbw for nine.

Stroke maker Iftikhar Khan became the third player to have the stumps rearranged by Bradley, going for 19.

Khan and Martin Clifford had threatened to build a big partnership, but it was cut short as Bradley finished with the splendid figures of 6-33.

Clifford went on to build his personal score to 22 when David Jones had him caught.

Stour's leg spinner Audy Alexander, operating from the pavilion end, then had

Stourbridge CC

Shezad Malik well caught on the boundary for three.

Skipper Kevin Crotty was then the victim of a smart runout for 13 to put an abrupt end to Coleshill's innings at 121 all out in the 52nd over.

A shaky start by the home side gave Coleshill something to shout about after their abysmal batting.

Stour were reeling at 7-2 as Trillo accounted for the unhappy Alex Bingham, caught behind for a duck, and the opening-match centurion Josh Banks was deceived by Crotty and caught in the covers.

However, Coleshill's success was not to last.

The cool Bradley and the audacious left-hander Alexander put together a match-winning partnership of 119 in 26 overs.

The pair saw Stourbridge home in the 33rd over to mark another step in the club's successful return to Birmingham League cricket.

Alexander finished not out on 61 while Bradley carried his bat on 51 to add to his bowling laurels.

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Poles apart as Cruchley makes history



Nick Cruchley at the Olympic Stadium

STOURBRIDGE athlete Nick Cruchley has booked his place in Olympic history by becoming the first men's pole vault champion at London's Olympic Stadium.

He cleared 5m 22cm to take the title at the British Universities and Colleges Sports meeting, a London 2012 test event.

In his third and final attempt Cruchley, representing Birmingham University, broke David Hughes' 26-year record of 5.21m.

The championships saw 1,500 students competing for glory across 15 disciplines in four days.

They were part of Universities Week 2012, which celebrates the contribution that universities make to the Olympic and Paralympic Games and the UK sports industry.



Nick Cruchley clears 5m 22cm to win the universities title at the Olympic Stadium

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